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SC calls for SEBI response over Adani stock fall

To protect investors, Bench asks the Board to submit a note detailing legal and factual aspects of regulatory framework for securities market

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday asked the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the government to produce the existing regulatory framework in place to protect Indian investors, who are mostly middle class and reported to have lost several lakhs of crores in the past two weeks after the U.S.-based short-seller firm Hindenburg Research published a report, which led to sudden market volatility following a meltdown in the Adani Group shares.

Assuring the SEBI that it does not intend to go on a "witch-hunt" and is more interested in an "open dialogue", a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud flagged the court's concern for Indian investors and highlighted the need to protect them from such sudden market volatility in the future. "How do we ensure protection of Indian investors? Usually, this may happen on a small scale, but reports in newspapers say the total loss suffered by Indian investors may go in the range of several lakh crore in terms of investor value," CJI Chandrachud told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the SEBI.

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> **JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD**
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'Resources for States raised sharply'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Asserting that resources for States have been raised sharply in the Union Budget 2023-24, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday called out Opposition-ruled States like Kerala, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh for hiking taxes on petroleum products and red-flagged irregularities in West Bengal's implementation of Central schemes.

Hitting out at the Opposition's charges that Budget's 'green' allocations were driven by considerations "keeping someone in mind", possibly referring to the Adani Group that has ambitious green hydrogen plans, Ms. Sitharaman said that the Modi government doesn't keep just one person but everybody and the country in mind while taking decisions.

"Giving such statements is absolutely wrong. If anything, if such language continues and I have been repeatedly the target of such a leader...I don't want to name because the leader is not around... [who] throws an allegation and goes away. If allocations were made, phone calls were made, if relations were given benefit, if *jijajis* and *bhatijas* (brothers-in-law and nephews) got benefits, it might be their culture and under Prime Minister Modi, none of us do any of that," she said.

Nirmala Sitharaman

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Industrial output rise moderates to 4.3%

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's industrial output growth moderated to 4.3% in December 2022 from 7.3% in November, despite mining and electricity production rising at around 10% for the second successive month as manufacturing growth faltered from 6.1% in November to 2.6%.

While base effects perked up electricity and mining, which had grown at 2.8% and 2.6% respectively, a year earlier, manufacturing didn't see such a push despite a mere 0.6% rise in December 2021.

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Assets case: HC stays CBI probe against DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday stayed till February 24 probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee chief D.K. Shivakumar in the corruption case registered against him for allegedly possessing ₹74.93 crore assets disproportionate to his known sources of income for the check period between 2013 and 2018, when he was serving as Minister.

Justice K. Natarajan passed the interim order.

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'State spent about 75% of Budget estimates by Jan.'

BENGALURU
The Karnataka government spent about 75% of the Budget estimates by January 2023, said Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, addressing the joint session of the State legislature on Friday. » Page 6

Lokayukta raids on BDA headquarters

BENGALURU
The Karnataka Lokayukta conducted raids on the headquarters of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) over allegations of widespread corruption and maladministration on Friday. The raids are expected to continue on Saturday.

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The Formula E cheat sheet: here's everything you need to know

The all-electric World Championship makes its India debut in Hyderabad this weekend. A look at what the motorsport series is about and what you can expect

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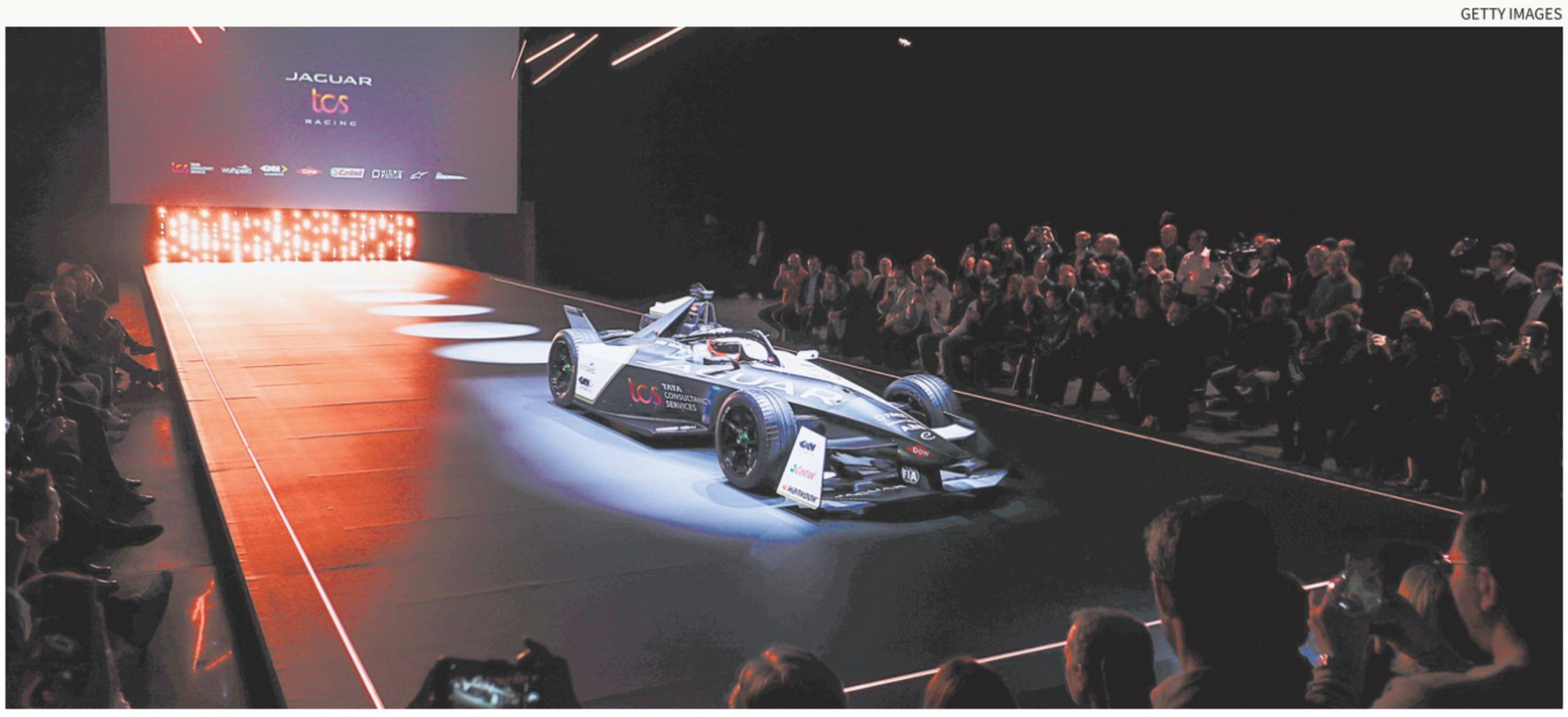

S. Dipak Ragav

A Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) world championship event returns to India this weekend for the first time since the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida hosted the third and final Indian Grand Prix Formula One race ten years ago.

But this time, the vrooming, naturally aspirated V8 engines give way for a more eco-friendly, fully electric powertrain as the FIA Formula E World Championship makes its Hyderabad debut.

As India prepares to get back on the world motorsport calendar with this race, *The Hindu* offers you a primer on what to expect and what the championship is all about.

• Origin story and series arc

Formula E – the first single-seater, all-electric championship – was started in 2014-15 to promote sustainable mobility and electric vehicles. The series received world championship status from the FIA ahead of the 2020-21 season.

The open-wheel, open-cockpit racing series is powered by an electric motor instead of an internal combustion engine.

Since its debut, the series has seen the cars evolve, with the third generation of vehicles introduced ahead of the current season, which began in Mexico City in January.

Watch out for the duels format of qualifying – a unique system of deciding the pole-sitter and grid order, with a group stage, quarterfinals, semifinals and final

In a bid to take the races to the people, Formula E stages them on the streets of various cities rather than in purpose-built circuits, which are usually located outside the main population centres.

In the first four seasons, a driver had to use two cars to complete a race, as the battery pack capacity was limited to 28kWh and had 200kW of power output. The drivers swapped cars in the pitlane mid-race.

But from season five, with a bigger battery pack of 54kWh and a power output of 250kW, a driver could go the whole distance in a single car.

Over the years, the car's ability to harvest energy from braking to charge the battery has improved manifold.

• A new generation: the Gen3 car

For the 2022-23 season, Formula E unveiled its most technically advanced car with a power output of 350 kW (470 bhp), far higher than the 250kW available in Gen2 cars.

This year's cars are a radical departure from the first two generations. Apart from the higher power output, the cars have two electric motors, one attached to the front axle and the other to the rear. The new front powertrain adds 250kW to the 350kW at the rear, more than doubling the regenerative capability of a Gen2 car to a total of 600kW.

More importantly, the cars have no rear mechanical brakes, with the braking accomplished mainly by the electric motor. With no rear brakes, the car's weight has also significantly reduced by almost 60kg.

A lighter body and more powerful powertrain mean these cars can hit a top speed of 322 kmph (200 mph), but this is unlikely to be seen during race weekends since the series races mostly on street circuits where it is difficult to find long straights.

Formula E claims it is the most efficient formula racing car ever, with more than 40% of the energy used within a race produced by regenerative braking. The sport has also focused on using sustainable materials for the chassis, batteries and even tyres.

• The competitors

With governments worldwide set to phase out internal combustion engine vehicles, automobile manufacturers have been scurrying to offer electric cars in their portfolios.

Formula E has benefited from this proposed change, with many major car companies spending vast sums to use the series as a testing ground for the development of electric vehicles.

While a few companies have come and gone – Mercedes, BMW and Audi – there are still some big names, including Jaguar, Nissan, Porsche, Maserati and India's Mahindra, which has been operating since the inaugural season.

• The race weekend format

Formula E introduced a new qualifying system last year: the duels format. The 22 drivers are slotted into two groups based on the championship standings, with drivers in odd positions in one group and those in even places in the other.

The top four from each group progress to the quarterfinals, followed by the semifinals, before the group toppers battle it out for pole position. The top eight places are set through this format, with the driver on pole position getting three points.

Drivers from the pole-sitter's group who did not qualify for the duels fill the odd-number grid positions from ninth, with the fifth-fastest driver in that group in the first stage of qualifying starting ninth.

From 2023, there will be a fixed number of racing laps depending on the track length, and in case there are safety-car periods or yellow flags, the race director will add laps to compensate.

Qualifying and the main race are held on the same day, usually the Saturday of a race weekend, with two practice sessions, one on Friday and another on Saturday.

In the past, Formula E used a feature called Fan Boost, in which five drivers with the most fan-votes online received a burst of extra power which could be activated for a five-second window to defend or overtake. It has now been discontinued. Another feature is allowing drivers to go off track to collect more power so that a driver can strategically use that extra power later in the race despite losing time while going off the racing line.

The third generation cars introduced this year are a radical departure from the first two generations. They are lighter, more powerful, and more efficient, with a top speed of 322 kmph

• The story this season

Hyderabad is the third venue of the championship, but the fourth race, as Riyadh hosted a doubleheader. The 2.8km Hyderabad Street Circuit is situated around the iconic Hussain Sagar Lake.

German Pascal Wehrlein, driving for the Porsche team, leads the drivers' standings with 68 points after two wins in Riyadh, six points ahead of Jake Dennis in the Avalanche Andretti Formula E team.

Mahindra Racing had a good start, with former Formula E champion Lucas De Grassi taking pole in the first race in Mexico City and finishing third. However, the team scored no points in Riyadh and will hope for a better outcome in its home race.

• What the future holds

When Formula E began in 2014-15, it was seen as a place for F1 drivers without a seat to prolong their racing careers. But with big money entering the picture, the series has started to attract young drivers. Even though F1 is the ultimate aim for most single-seater drivers, Formula E has become an attractive alternative.

Last year, 2020-21 Formula E champion Nyck de Vries had a one-off outing for the Williams F1 team in the Italian GP and converted that into a full-time F1 seat with AlphaTauri for 2023.

Even as the sport has seen an uptick in television ratings, its popularity can't be compared to other established series. One major factor holding it back is the lack of the 'wow factor' of high-speed action. As the technology evolves and cars become faster, the sport will need to revisit its 'only street circuit' approach and think about unleashing these machines on a few iconic race tracks. But for now, with the sport going to new places such as India, it has the potential to boost its profile and build a new fanbase on the back of successful outings.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	35	7,070	15
2	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,730	17
3	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	6,195	23
4	Casper Ruud	24	5,765	24
5	Andrey Rublev	25	4,200	25
6	Rafael Nadal	36	3,815	14
7	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,715	26
8	Taylor Fritz	25	3,410	22
9	Holger Rune	19	3,046	26
10	Hubert Hurkacz	25	2,995	21
11	Cameron Norrie	27	2,760	24
12	Daniil Medvedev	26	2,750	21
13	Karen Khachanov	26	2,515	25
14	Frances Tiafoe	25	2,305	21
15	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,285	24

Top Indians ▶

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 306 ▲ 36 spots

Sasikumar Mukund
Rank 398 ▲ 1 spot

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	10,485	17
2	Aryna Sabalenka	24	6,100	20
3	Ons Jabeur	28	5,210	18
4	Jessica Pegula	28	5,000	17
5	Caroline Garcia	29	4,795	23
6	Coco Gauff	18	3,992	18
7	Maria Sakkari	27	3,811	22
8	Daria Kasatkina	25	3,380	23
9	Belinda Bencic	25	2,905	20
10	Elena Rybakina	23	2,815	22
11	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,740	21
12	Jelena Ostapenko	25	2,340	20
13	Petra Kvitova	32	2,281	19
14	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,195	24
15	Simona Halep	31	2,141	14

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 242 ▲ No change

Karman Thandi
Rank 258 ▲ No change

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	20	16	2	2	45	17	28	50
2	Man. City	21	14	3	4	53	21	32	45
3	Man. United	22	13	4	5	36	28	8	43
4	Newcastle	21	10	10	1	34	12	22	40
5	Tottenham	22	12	3	7	41	31	10	39
6	Brighton	20	10	4	6	38	27	11	34
7	Brentford	21	8	9	4	35	28	7	33
8	Fulham	22	9	5	8	32	30	2	32
9	Chelsea	21	8	6	7	22	21	1	30
10	Liverpool	20	8	5	7	34	28	6	29
11	Aston Villa	21	8	4	9	25	31	-6	28
12	Palace	21	6	6	9	19	29	-10	24
13	Nott. Forest	21	6	6	9	17	35	-18	24
14	Leicester	21	6	3	12	32	37	-5	21
15	Wolves	21	5	5	11	15	30	-15	20
16	Leeds United	21	4	7	10	28	36	-8	19
17	West Ham	21	5	4	12	18	26	-8	19
18	Everton	21	4	6	11	16	28	-12	18
19	Bournemouth	21	4	5	12	19	43	-24	17
20	Southampton	21	4	3	14	17	38	-21	15

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	21	18	2	1	51	15	36	56
2	Inter Milan	21	14	1	6	41	26	15	43
3	Roma	21	12	4	5	28	18	10	40
4	Lazio	21	11	6	4	37	17	20	39
5	Atalanta	21	11	5	5	39	24	15	38
6	AC Milan	21	11	5	5	37	30	7	38
7	Torino	21	8	6	7	22	22	0	30
8	Udinese	21	7	8	6	28	23	5	29
9	Bologna	21	8	5	8	28	31	-3	29
10	Juventus *	21	12	5	4	33	17	16	26
11	Monza	21	7	5	9	27	30	-3	26
12	Empoli	21	6	8	7	19	26	-7	26
13	Fiorentina	21	6	6	9	23	28	-5	24
14	Lecce	21	5	8	8	21	24	-3	23
15	Sassuolo	21	6	5	10	24	31	-7	23
16	Salernitana	21	5	6	10	25	41	-16	21
17	Spezia	21	4	6	11	17	35	-18	18
18	Verona	21	3	5	13	19	33	-14	14
19	Sampdoria	21	2	4	15	10	36	-26	10
20	Cremonese	21	0	8	13	15	37	-22	8

** 15 points deducted after investigation into club's past transfer dealings*

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	20	17	2	1	42	7	35	53
2	Real Madrid	20	14	3	3	40	17	23	45
3	Real Sociedad	20	12	3	5	28	19	9	39
4	Atletico Madrid	20	10	5	5	29	17	12	35
5	Rayo Vallecano	20	9	5	6	27	22	5	32
6	Villarreal	20	9	4	7	22	17	5	31
7	Real Betis	20	9	4	7	24	20	4	31
8	Athletic Bilbao	20	8	5	7	29	21	8	29
9	Osasuna	20	8	5	7	19	19	0	29
10	Real Mallorca	20	8	4	8	16	18	-2	28
11	Girona	20	6	6	8	27	29	-2	24
12	Celta Vigo	20	6	5	9	22	32	-10	23
13	Real Valladolid	20	7	2	11	15	28	-13	23
14	Almeria	20	6	4	10	23	31	-8	22
15	Espanyol	20	4	9	7	24	30	-6	21
16	Sevilla	20	5	6	9	21	29	-8	21
17	Valencia	20	5	5	10	25	24	1	20
18	Cadiz	20	4	7	9	15	33	-18	19
19	Getafe	20	4	6	10	17	27	-10	18
20	Elche	20	1	6	13	15	40	-25	9

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	19	11	7	1	56	18	38	40
2	Union Berlin	19	12	3	4	33	23	10	39
3	Dortmund	19	12	1	6	38	26	12	37
4	Leipzig	19	10	6	3	39	24	15	36
5	Eintracht	19	10	5	4	40	26	14	35
6	SC Freiburg	19	10	4	5	30	30	0	34
7	Wolfsburg	19	8	5	6	38	26	12	29
8	Werder	19	8	3	8	31	37	-6	27
9	M'gladbach	19	7	5	7	34	29	5	26
10	Leverkusen	19	7	3	9	30	31	-1	24
11	Cologne	19	5	8	6	29	31	-2	23
12	Mainz	19	6	5	8	27	31	-4	23
13	Augsburg	19	6	3	10	24	33	-9	21
14	Hoffenheim	19	5	4	10	28	36	-8	19
15	Bochum	19	6	1	12	24	46	-22	19
16	Stuttgart	19	3	7	9	22	34	-12	16
17	Hertha Berlin	19	3	5	11	20	35	-15	14
18	Schalke	19	2	5	12	14	41	-27	11

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Marnus Labuschagne	929	937
2	Steve Smith	892	947
3	Babar Azam	862	882
4	Travis Head	841	841
5	Joe Root	826	923
6	Kane Williamson	810	919
7	Rishabh Pant	797	801
8	Usman Khawaja	770	779
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
10	Rohit Sharma	732	813

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Pat Cummins	878	914
2	James Anderson	835	903
3	Jasprit Bumrah	812	835
4	R. Ashwin	812	904
5	Ollie Robinson	805	805
6	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
7	Kagiso Rabada	776	902
8	Kyle Jamieson	772	836
9	Mitchell Starc	749	806
10	Josh Hazlewood	733	863

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	887	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	787	796
3	David Warner	747	880
4	Quinton de Kock	743	813
5	Imam-ul-Haq	740	815
6	Shubman Gill	734	734
7	Virat Kohli	727	911
8	Steve Smith	719	752
9	Rohit Sharma	719	885
10	Kane Williamson	700	799

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammed Siraj	729	736
2	Josh Hazlewood	727	733
3	Trent Boult	708	775
4	Mitchell Starc	665	783
5	Rashid Khan	659	806
6	Adam Zampa	655	655
7	Shakib Al Hasan	652	717
8	Shaheen Afridi	641	688
9	Mustafizur Rahman	638	695
10	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	637	712

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	836	875
3	Babar Azam	778	896
4	Devon Conway	768	831
5	Aiden Markram	748	796
6	Dawid Malan	719	915
7	Rilee Rossouw	693	693
8	Aaron Finch	680	900
9	Glenn Phillips	662	703
10	Alex Hales	655	866

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	698	816
2	Wanindu Hasaranga	695	797
3	Adil Rashid	692	746
4	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
5	Sam Curran	688	688
6	Tabraiz Shamsi	681	821
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	677	745
9	Anrich Nortje	659	695
10	Mitchell Santner	657	731

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Volunteers collect relief material for Turkey

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

The earthquake that hit Turkey a few days ago has caused angst across the world as thousands of people were left without food and shelter. While travelling to the affected areas and delivering help is difficult at the moment, good Samaritans from Bengaluru have taken up the task of collecting relief material and making arrangements to transport it to Istanbul.

Local volunteer groups have tied up with international organisations to deliver food, medical equipment, clothing, hygiene and sanitary requirements among other things. "Volunteers are working on ground there while we are collecting materials from across the country here. Rather than clothing and other things, our focus has been on sending food items which have a longer shelf life as our volunteers there have told us not to send perishable items," said Siju Thomas Daniel, director and founder, SCEAD Foundation India.

He added that with the help of student volunteers from St Joseph's University, Mount Carmel College and Jyoti Nivas College, chips and biscuit packets are being collected to send to Turkey. "When we got a call about the earthquake, we set aside our other programmes and our student volunteers came up with this idea. A Customs official is helping us send this to Istanbul and it should reach there in the next three to four days," Mr. Daniel said.

Puneeth T., a Red Cross volunteer who had worked with the help of his local foundation to supply relief material to those affected during COVID-19, Chennai floods and the Ukraine war, is collecting medical equipment from donors in the city. "As we have been doing this for quite a while, we have tie-ups with multiple international organisations like the British High Council and others. We are collecting emergency medical supplies, temporary hospital set-ups, beds, syringes and anything which might help them and sending it to our Delhi Headquarters from where it will be sent to Turkey," he said.

89 Hopcoms outlets shut in 5 years, and there is no strategy to reverse the trend

Business at the best performing outlets goes up to ₹40,000 on a good day while some outlets do not even record ₹500 in a day

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Most old Bengalureans at one time bought fruits or vegetables from their trusted neighbourhood Horticultural Producers' Cooperative Marketing and Processing Society (Hopcoms) shops. But, in the recent past, Hopcoms has not opened any new shop. On the other hand, existing shops have downed shutters.

In a world of online marts, malls and private vegetable and fruit vendors, there is a question mark on the future of the co-operative society that was formed for the benefit of farmers.

In the last five years, 89 Hopcoms outlets have closed, as they were not economically feasible, sources said.

"We have closed many old branches as we were unable to stand up to the competition in those areas. Some of our staff members are also resigning. Customer-salesman rapport is one of the important factors that influences sales. If salespersons keep changing, we cannot maintain the customer base, or get new customers," explained Umesh Mirji, Managing Director, Hopcoms.

The problems

There are also other problems – not being able to find spaces for outlets (most outlets are on spaces leased by the BBMP), lack of funds, franchisees not succeeding, competition from pushcart vendors who sell for lesser prices at doorsteps.

"Around 20 outlets are run by franchisees. Some franchisees had to close shop after incurring losses," Mr. Umesh said.

The bright side

However, all is not lost yet.

A Hopcoms outlet at BEML 3rd Stage, in Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru. Hopcoms is a co-operative society that was formed for the benefit of farmers.

Out of 201 outlets in Bengaluru, 50 seem to be doing well. Outlets at Jayanagar, Malleswaram, J. P. Nagar, Indira Nagar, Jeeva Bima Nagar, K. R. Puram are among the top performers. The business at the best-performing outlets goes up to ₹40,000 on a good day while, at the other end of the spectrum, there are outlets that do not record business of even ₹500 in a day.

"The cost of maintenance of Hopcoms outlets that record good business is around ₹1,00,000, including salary of the staff (one salesman and two assistants), rent, electricity and taxes. A minimum business of ₹40,000 per day is necessary to run a stall with just one salesman," said G. R. Srinivasan, ex-president, Hopcoms.

He said that, over the years, Hopcoms has struggled to keep up with the competition. "Earlier, we used to supply to public sector companies, like ITI and HMT. Now, many PSUs have closed down while others have moved on to private caterers. We only supply to BEL now. Apart from that, we also supply to some government hostels. Today, even farmers are not fully dependent on Hopcoms, as private buyers have set up shop in villages," he said.

Need for support

Members of Hopcoms want more government encouragement to support the co-op society by passing orders that government institutions and PSUs should take their supply only from Hopcoms, and also help with other infrastructure needs.

Government officials, on the other hand, said that they are doing 'everything they can' to support Hopcoms despite the society not being an actual organ of the Horticulture Department.

"The government is supporting in all the ways we can. During the covid pandemic, we gave them mobile units and supported them in all other aspects, and their turnover increased by four times. A point to note is that while the fruit and vegetable consumption of Bengaluru is around 6,000 tonnes per day, the stock sold at Hopcoms is only around 40 tonnes per day. Besides, it is also evident that inefficiency has started creeping into the system, as sometimes the staff members are not even present in the outlets," Rajender Kumar Kataria, Principal Secretary, Horticulture Department, told *The Hindu*.

Largest-ever U.S. delegation to take part in aero show

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Ambassador Elizabeth Jones will lead the largest-ever U.S. delegation to Aero India 2023.

"It will be an honour to lead the largest-ever U.S. delegation to Aero India to showcase the world-class equipment, training, capability and interoperability the U.S. industry and military offer," Ms. Jones. She said that the U.S. sees India as an indispensable partner for a safer, more prosperous, more open, and freer Indo-Pacific region.

"As India modernises its defence capabilities, we certainly want to be the partner of choice. We are increasingly focused on mutually beneficial co-production and co-development partnerships. We see India as an indispensable partner for a safer, more prosperous, more open, and freer Indo-Pacific region," Ms Jones said.

A cross-section of U.S. military members and aircraft will also feature at Aero India 2023.

Leading U.S. defence companies participating in Aero India 2023 with exhibits in the USA Partnership Pavilion include Aero Metals Alliance, Astronautics Corporation of America, Boeing, GE Aerospace, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Inc, Hi-Tech Import Export Corporation, Jonal Laboratories, Inc., Kallman Worldwide, Inc., Lockheed Martin, Pratt & Whitney, and TW Metals, LLC.

The United States Air Force Band of the Pacific's seven-member music ensemble Final Approach will perform for the public at Aero India on February 16 and at several venues in Bengaluru throughout the week.

HAL to display Atmanirbhar Formation at Aero India 2023

IAF's Sukhoi aircraft flies past during rehearsals for the upcoming Aero India-2023 air show, at Yelahanka airbase in Bengaluru. PTI

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) will display an Atmanirbhar Formation flight of 15 helicopters at the Aero India 2023 which begins on February 13 at the Air Force Station, Yelahanka.

The Atmanirbhar Formation flight of 15 helicopters will consist of all variants of Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), 'Prachand' Light Combat Helicopter, and Light Utility Helicopter (LUH).

It will also have a formation flight of its fixed wing aircraft comprising LCA twin seater variant, Hawk-i, Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) and Hindustan Turbo Trainer (HTT)-40 aircraft.

The Bengaluru-headquartered PSU said that it will showcase its full spectrum training capabilities and display for the first time, the scale model of Hindustan Lead in Fighter Trainer (HLFT)-42.

HAL will showcase its range of products and technologies centred on the theme 'Innovate. Collaborate. Lead'.

G-20 delegates visit eco-tourism spots in Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After the first meeting of the G-20 Energy Transition Working Group (ETWG) in Bengaluru, the Tourism Department showcased its eco-tourism hotspots - Bannerghatta National Park, Kalkere Arboretum and Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR)- to delegates from 30 countries on Thursday. As a part of the series of events organised by the Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG), the department had curated the excursion which displayed the State's models for restoration of forest eco-systems and the different types of forests curated at the arboretum.

Delegates from 30 countries visiting Bannerghatta National Park. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

While the delegates visited the butterfly park and took part in a short animal safari at Bannerghatta to understand the sustainable eco-tourism model, a screening of 'Wild Karnataka', the globally acclaimed movie, was arranged at JLR.

Canara Bank wins award

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Canara Bank on Thursday was honoured with the award by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for achieving the top position in overall performance under digital payments for the financial year 2021-22 among 44 banks (including public and private sector banks).

According to a release, the award was conferred on it during the Digital Payments Utsav held at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. The Bank's Managing Director and CEO, K. Satyanarayana Raju received the award from Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Railways and Communication. The bank achieved 131% of the digital transactions target set by MeitY and 116% of new merchant acquisition during the previous financial year 2021-22 and ranked No. 1 amongst 44 banks by getting an overall score of 92, it stated.

Enforcement Cell at zonal level to boost property tax collection

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Basavaraj Bommai

A dedicated 'Enforcement Cell' to boost property tax collection and a 'Legal Cell' at the zonal level in the city, are among the key recommendations by the II Administrative Reforms Commission led by T. M. Vijay Bhaskar. The Commission submitted its report on streamlining the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) administration to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday.

The BBMP had sought assistance from the commission following the implementation of BBMP Act, 2020, which increased the number of wards from 198 to 243 and envisaged a more decentralised administration.

The commission has recommended creation of 30 new posts of Deputy Commissioners to improve localised governance at the divisional level and coordination between various departments. This is apart from an enforcement cell to boost property tax collection and a legal cell at the zonal level. The commission has recommended an additional 192 Junior Health Officers, 70 additional Revenue Inspectors and 94 additional Tax Inspectors.

The Commission has recommended that each of the 243 wards should have either an Assistant Engineer or a Junior Engineer and one Work Inspector as part of the Ward Engineering Department. The commission has recommended recruitment of 214 Work Inspectors and 89 AEs/JEs.

Tamil play today at Chowdiah

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

TOM Medias will present a Tamil Play titled *Ragasiyam Parama Ragasiyam* on Saturday.

Y.Gee. Mahendra, Suppini, Y.G. Madhvanthii and S. Sureshwar will be acting in lead roles.

The drama will be staged at Chowdiah Memorial Hall in Vyalikaval from 7 p.m. onwards.

Tickets are available on www.bookmyshow.com or call Mob: 7550087847

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Public Notice is issued to bring it to the knowledge of all concerned that my client intends to purchase the converted lands measuring 0-37 guntas in Sy.No.70/4 and 0-12 guntas in Sy.No.70/5, in all 1 Acre 09 Guntas, situated in Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, which are detailed in the Schedule hereunder, from the land owner Sri.S.Raghunandan, for valuable consideration.

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The Last date of Submission of E-Tender is 06.03.2023 up to 16.00 hrs.

Sd/-,
Regional Director I/C

BUSINESS CONNECT A Business Initiative

Solis Health launches its first Cancer Support Centre in Bengaluru

The Solis Health Cancer Support Centre was launched at Brunton Road, near MG Road in Bengaluru on 6th February 2023. A first-of-its-kind initiative that provides patients, caregivers and families with empathetic support as they navigate their cancer journey. Solis Health is part of the Maggie's International Network and their exclusive knowledge partner for India. Solis Health also unveiled OncoLife, its comprehensive offering to help patients access telehealth services and preferred rates for their treatment. Bhairavi Madhusudhan Shibulal, Founder and Director of Solis Health said "Caring for my mother after her cancer diagnosis opened my eyes to the gaps that exist in the healthcare ecosystem and the realities of what patients and caregivers go through when dealing with chronic illness. I founded Solis Health to address these gaps. We are pleased to open our first Cancer Support Centre in Bengaluru and proud to be a part of the Maggie's international network - this association will help us leverage their vast knowledge and expertise as we bring comprehensive and evidence-based cancer support services to India for the first time. Our goal is to empower patients and caregivers with the right information and support so that they can be active participants in their care plan. I am also delighted to unveil OncoLife by Solis Health - through this program, we aim to democratize access to cancer care and treatment by ensuring it is more affordable. Members can also access second opinions and virtual consultations from expert clinicians in India and overseas." Solis Health offers compassionate, empathetic and person-centric healthcare solutions. Solis Health provides support and care for patients and caregivers with a range of services such as the Solis Health Cancer Support Centre (a warm space for emotional, practical and social support for anyone touched by cancer), the Solis Health Telehealth Service (enabling access to affordable treatment and virtual consultations from expert clinicians around the world) and the Solis Health Knowledge Portal (a resource bank of educational health content for patients and caregivers). Solis Health also produces Burning Questions, a podcast that features conversations with patients, survivors, caregivers, healthcare professionals and academics around the globe.

Adigas Yatra Tour Fair

Mr. Basavaraj Karinayak, Executive Officer of Canara Bank, launched the Adigas Yatra Travel Fair at the Adigas Yatra Institute at DVG Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore by lighting a Jyothi in the presence of hundreds of tourist interested customers who had arrived at the office. Renowned businessman Mr. KS Baladeva, Mr./Mrs. M. Mallikarjuna Swamy were present as the Chief Guest. The founder of Adigas Yatra, Shri K. Nagaraj Adigar gave a handbook of foreign tours like Europe, Bali, Bhutan, Singapore, Nepal and Indian Pawas like Char Dham Yatra, Northeast India, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Kashi, Gaya - Ayodhya to the visiting tourists.Members of the organization Mr. Yogish, Mr. C.S. Dwarkanath, Shri M Ramesh, Kum, Asrita and Shri Sravanakumar were present. Experienced experts Mr. Satish Shetty, Mr. K.S. Nagendra, Mr. H. K. Prasanna, Mr. H. J. Mahesh, Mr. Jagannath Shanabhag Ms. Narmada, SM Shobhar explained the tours information and service facility of Adigas Yatra in detail. Hundreds of interested tourists arrived at the fair on 1st day itself, witnessing a grand start. All arriving pilgrims were given complete information. This fair was held every day including Sunday till Thursday 09.02.2023 from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. A special discount was available for pilgrims who book in advance at the tourist fair and can take advantage of this, said the manager of the organization. Foreign tours such as Europe, United Kingdom, Japan, Bali, Cambodia Vietnam, Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Dubai, Nepal, Bhutan, Singapore, malaysia, Thailand and all over India tourist destinations Kashiyatra, Chardham Yatra, East, West and North India tourist destinations, from Himalayas. Information on Honeymoon, Luxury, Deluxe tours for all tours from historical pilgrimage sites to Kanyakumari, natural etc. can be obtained from the above guides. Special discounts was given to those who book on these days for foreign tours such as Europe, United Kingdom, Japan, Bali, Cambodia, Vietnam, Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Dubai, Nepal, Bhutan, Singapore malaysia-Thailand Honeymoon, customized and fixed departure tour.

Can underrated Dyche keep Everton up?

The Merseyside club has a rich and storied history, but is mired in the Premier League's relegation zone. It has made an emergency call to a man who just may have the tools for the job

A heartbeat for this club is important and I've got a big heart, that's not a bad start

GETTY IMAGES

Reuters
Associated Press

Sean Dyche wasn't the preferred choice at Everton – maverick tactician Marcelo Bielsa was courted before talks broke down – but the 51-year-old Englishman's hiring already seems like the best piece of business the historic club has conducted in recent years.

Only Manchester United, Liverpool and Arsenal have won more English top-flight titles than Everton's nine. But the last of those came in the 1986-1987 season. The club has not claimed silverware of any description since 1995 and is seemingly spiralling towards the second tier of English football – it's mired in the Premier League's drop zone.

The morale at the Merseyside club was at rock bottom before Dyche's first match in charge, with the fans at war with the board. The fear that a 69-year stay in the top tier was heading towards an end and the fact that the club only escaped relegation by the skin of its teeth last season led to the sacking of Frank Lampard after just less than a year in charge. Dyche could hardly have chosen a bigger challenge than answering the ailing club's emergency call.

Desperately needed win

With no signings in the January window and Everton in a horrendous run of form, the omens were not good for Dyche as he began his rescue mission at Goodison Park. But the side stunned Premier League leader Arsenal last weekend, earning its first win in 11 games. It also ended a run of four straight league defeats at home, a welcome close to a series of unfavourable home results that the storied club had not experienced since 1958.

Prowling the sideline, barking orders to his players and upsetting the big boys, it was as if Dyche had never gone away. Battling the odds with limited resources, he masterminded Burnley's promotion to the Premier League, kept it in the top flight for six seasons and even qualified for Europe. These results earned the former centre-back a reputation of being an astute tactician and motivator who squeezed every ounce of potential out of his squad.

Everton certainly produced a performance that Dyche often used to inspire from his men during his long spell in Lancashire. There was even a trademark headed goal from one of his former Burnley players, defender James Tarkowski, to give the new manager a winning debut.

It is early days, but Everton looked a different proposition against Arsenal. The relentless pressing and commitment also engaged the Goodison Park crowd as the pall of gloom was lifted, although Dyche knows the real hard work is still to come.

"The minimum requirement is maximum effort and we saw that today," said Dyche after his first game in charge. "We're laying down the fibre of what we want to be as a group but this is only a start point, that's all it is, no matter who you beat. That one [win] doesn't guarantee the next one.

"We've got very good players here and I want to give them that freedom to play but the game has a certain way: you have to do the basics and it's about putting in the hard yards. We have to run harder, we have to work harder, we have to tackle, we have to fight and on top of that the tactical layers, the technical layers and on top of that the freedom."

We're laying down the fibre of what we want to be as a group... we have to run harder, we have to work harder, we have to tackle, we have to fight

Dyche said he had walked into the situation with his eyes wide open but called for everyone to pull together to haul the club out of relegation trouble. "The message is clear – unity," he said. "Even the most disgruntled Evertonians, give us a chance to stick by the team. I'm reaching out to them – we'll give you honesty, work ethic. All we ask is, give us a window to breathe."

A catalyst, not magic dust

Everton's first win under Dyche will have earned the new manager some more breathing room. He said there was no "magic dust" to keep winning, but hoped that claiming three points would prove to be the catalyst for the club to climb up the table. "Wins are marvellous things in football, they seem to solve everything but you have to earn that," he said.

Dyche's appointment represents another shift in strategy by a club that has had two Champions League-winning managers in the last four years: Carlo Ancelotti and Rafa Benitez. The club's fifth manager in five years, Dyche inherits the job at a deeply significant moment.

Having already splashed £600 million on players over the last seven years, with precious little to show for it, and having posted £373 million of losses between 2018 and 2021 alone, the club is constrained by financial fair play controls on what it can spend to dig itself out of trouble. Everton is also set to move into a state-of-the-art new stadium soon, but needs extra investment to complete the project, further tightening the purse-strings for investment in players.

Dyche's success at Burnley on a shoestring budget was presumably why he was chosen by Everton, hopefully as a saviour from relegation or as a manager capable of leading the Toffees back up if the worst should happen and they fall out of the Premier League for the first time.

With five points separating the bottom six, it's shaping up into a real nerve-jangling scrap, but there is no doubt the 51-year-old has the tools to lift Everton out of 18th place to safety.

A first-rate man-manager, his tactical nous is often underappreciated. He has been portrayed as a 'park the bus', 'long ball' merchant, but that could not be further from the truth.

For although Dyche coaches a compact defensive philosophy, it is a modern, proactive style. It's based on high-intensity pressing, the mantra of those on the tactical cutting edge. Dyche employs it as a disruptive strategy, to make the game extremely uncomfortable for opposition teams and knock them off their rhythm – "fight football", he calls it.

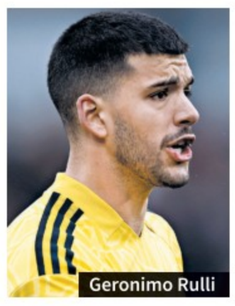
Against Arsenal, Everton often played a vigorous, stifling mid-block, and created chances. The side didn't merely sit back and defend. To be able to get a squad to buy in so quickly is already a win for Dyche. Although he wasn't able to strengthen in January, he has players with enough quality, on paper, to stave off relegation. This battle for survival under Dyche will be one of the Premier League's more captivating storylines over the remainder of the season.

GAME THEORY

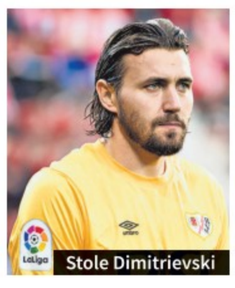
Top shot-stoppers in LaLiga

We take a look at how often goalkeepers in Spain's top flight have made saves and kept clean sheets so far this season. The data show that Villarreal's Geronimo Rulli is the only 'keeper to have made more than 2 saves per game and maintained a clean sheet in at least 50% of the games he has played

Marc-Andre ter Stegen



Geronimo Rulli



Stole Dimitrievski

Goalkeeper	Club	Games	Saves	Saves per game	Clean sheets	Clean sheet %
Marc-Andre ter Stegen	Barcelona	20	37	1.85	15	75.0
Geronimo Rulli	Villarreal	14	46	3.29	7	50.0
Stole Dimitrievski	Rayo Vallecano	19	53	2.79	8	42.1
Rui Silva	Betis	17	43	2.53	7	41.2
Aitor Fernandez	Osasuna	10	25	2.50	4	40.0
Predrag Rajkovic	Mallorca	20	47	2.35	8	40.0
Alex Remiro	Real Sociedad	20	51	2.55	8	40.0
Unai Simon	Athletic Club	20	41	2.05	8	40.0
Jan Oblak	Atletico Madrid	18	36	2.00	6	33.3
Agustin Marchesin	Celta Vigo	19	42	2.21	6	31.6
Jeremias Ledesma	Cadiz	20	85	4.25	6	30.0
David Soria	Getafe	20	62	3.10	6	30.0
Thibaut Courtois	Real Madrid	15	39	2.60	4	26.7
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Battling the Sydney surf

This aerial view of Sunday's Cole Classic Ocean Swim in Manly, Australia, offers a sense of what human beings will put themselves through for competition, camaraderie and charity.

Hyped as 'Australia's largest ocean swim event', the Cole Classic reportedly attracts more than 4,000 swimmers of varying ages and levels of ability.

This includes families and swimming clubs, whose members enter together, pushing each other to complete the course and creating a community atmosphere.

In addition to battling the surf over distances of 1km, 2km and 5km, competitors also swim for charity: the organisers say the Classic has raised almost $500,000 over the last four years.

All distances enjoy a common start and finish line but have different loops; the 1km is a recent addition — an attempt to encourage less-experienced swimmers to participate.

Held every year on the first Sunday in February, the event was founded in 1982 by Graham Cole, a swimmer who was inspired by a similar competition in Hawaii.

Originally staged at Bondi Beach, it was relocated to Manly, on the northern side of Sydney Harbour, in 2007.

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BMRCL to resume construction of metro pillars over 12 m high next week

Work on those pillars was stopped a month ago after a reinforcement cage fell on a moving two-wheeler, killing a woman and her two-year-old son

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With new safety protocols, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) will resume construction of metro pillars over 12 metres high next week. A month ago, the BMRCL stopped construction after a reinforcement cage collapsed on a moving bike, killing a mother and her two-year-old son on Outer Ring Road near HBR Layout.

Anjum Parwez, Managing Director, BMRCL, said as per the revised safety protocols, based on the height of the pillars, three categories have been identified – 12 metres high, between 12 and 20 metres high, and over 20 metres high. "Pillars of 12-metre height will be erected with single-stage concreting, 12 metres to 20 metres with two-stage concreting, and for the rest of the tall pillars with three-stage concreting. Stage-wise concreting will ensure good support for the reinforcement pillar. Our internal team has prepared the new set of protocols, and experts from the IISc have scrutinized the same," he said.

Some metro pillars that are more than 12 metres high in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

On the proposed Blue Line, from Central Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport, the BMRCL will construct more than 2,500 pillars, out of which a majority of the tall pillars will be on the Kasturinagar-Hebbal ORR stretch.

The MD said 150 to 200 pillars above 20 meters would be constructed near the underpasses and flyovers on the ORR.

"Considering the safety aspects, a detailed methodology like how the reinforcement has to be placed, shuttering, tying guy wires, supporting the cage with the help of a crane, and others have been incorporated. Staged concreting will ensure the safety of the under-construction structure. For example, if the pillar is designed for 20-meter height, concreting will be done for the first eight meters, and after that, reinforcement will be continued by following the SoPs for the required height, and the second stage of concreting will be done. This will provide adequate support to the structure and ensure the stability of the reinforcement cage," said Prof. Chandra Kishen J.M., Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, who has given his comments on the new SoPs proposed by BMRCL said.

Prof. Kishen added that suggestions had been made to ensure that the contractor employs experienced supervisory staff to monitor the construction in the coming days. From the BMRCL, a safety team will inspect the structure before concreting work to ensure the contractor has followed the safety methodology. The revised safety guidelines will be applicable for existing and future metro constructions.

INBRIEF

HAL gives advanced light chopper to Mauritius police

HAL on Friday handed over an advanced light helicopter (ALH) to the Mauritius government in Bengaluru. Nikhil Dwivedi, general manager, Helicopter Division, handed over the certificate to A.K. Dip, Commissioner of Police, Mauritius Police Force (MPF).

E.P. Jayadeva, director (Operations), HAL, said the defence PSU had handed over the helicopter way ahead of schedule. HAL had signed a contract with the Mauritius government in January 2022 for export of an ALH Mk III to the MPF.

"This order is in line with the Government of India's vision to boost defence exports to friendly foreign countries. The handing over of export helicopter has further bolstered the ties between both countries. The ALH Mk III helicopter will meet the operational requirements of the MPF. The helicopter with its state-of-the-art equipment will further enhance the operational requirements of the MPF," Mr Jayadeva said.

Mr. Dip said the induction of a new helicopter into the fleet of the MPF would enhance the aerial capabilities of the police.

"The helicopter will contribute immensely in ensuring territorial integrity and enhancing the speed and effectiveness of police intervention during critical incidents and disasters," Mr. Dip said.

ALH Mk III is a multi-role, multi-mission versatile helicopter in 5.5-tonne category. More than 335 ALH have been produced till date, logging a cumulative of more than 3,75,000 flying hours.

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Three arrested for robbery

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A home guard, posing as a police officer to rob a senior citizen, was arrested, along with his two associates in the city. The arrested have been identified as Nagaraj, 31, a home guard deployed with KSRTC and Manjunath, 39, and Arun Kumar, 33, both autorickshaw drivers. The police have recovered ₹6 lakh and a gold bar along with an autorickshaw used for the crime.

The victim Sundaram was employed in a jewellery store in Coimbatore. He had gone to Shivamogga on a business trip and was returning with ₹6 lakh in cash and gold bars worth ₹3 lakh. He travelled fto Bengaluru by bus and was waiting at Satellite Bus Stand at 4 a.m. for a bus to Coimbatore. When he boarded a private bus, Nagaraj, wearing a khaki dress turned up and said he couldn't carry cash and the bag needed to be checked and got him down from the bus. He was put in a car where two others entered and drove off. At a desolated spot, the gang threatened Sundaram with a knife, robbed him of all his valuables and fled.

Lokayukta conducts raids on BDA headquarters

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Lokayukta conducted day-long raids on the headquarters of Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), over allegations of widespread corruption and maladministration on Friday. When last checked, the raids were yet to conclude and are expected to continue on Saturday.

In a rare move, Lokayukta Justice B.S. Patil himself visited the BDA office during the raids. Seeing a large crowd of people who had come to the BDA headquarters seeking redressal of several issues, he organised a desk of Lokayukta officers who received their applications.

The crowd in front of BDA office in Bengaluru on Friday.

Officials have received over 25 complaints.

"All these applications will be treated as complaints and will be looked into in detail," a senior police officer said.

Significantly, the raids follow a suo motu case against BDA under Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984, under which not just charges of corruption but even maladministration can be probed into.

"The searches at the BDA office will help us look into several issues, including alleged corruption. A team of 35 officers are leading the search. We have made a list of certain issues that need to be probed based on complaints we have received and our source information. We will also look into delay in public services and maladministration," Justice Patil said. Sources said Lokayukta Police seized a large cache of incriminating documents during the raid.

Internal report

"Recently, an internal report in BDA exposed several irregularities in Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout where civic amenity sites and land marked for commercial properties were illegally converted into residential sites. There have been several complaints lodged with us regarding allotment of alternate sites, delay in compensation and widespread corruption in all these processes. We have also got a case where BDA officials have given compensation to gomala land based on forged RTCs. Lokayukta Justice Patil ordered registering a suo motu case to probe all these issues," said a senior Lokayukta official.

The case and the raids also follow similar all-encompassing raids on BDA headquarters by the then Anti-Corruption Bureau in 2021.

The ACB case has also been transferred to Lokayukta and the latest raids will only aid the police in the investigations into the 2021 case, sources said.

Call for veganism

Volunteers of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, India, representing the earth, urging G-20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group participants to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and go vegan, in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

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BBMP evicts around 100 street vendors in Jayanagar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Around 100 street vendors have been evicted by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) at Jayanagar 4th Block recently for allegedly encroaching on pavements. The vendors have alleged that they were forcefully evicted despite having identity cards (IDs).

The Bengaluru Jilla Beedhi Vyaapari Sanghatanegala Okkoota members said that with the help of the police and BBMP marshals, all the vendors were evicted and their carts seized and not returned. "Despite repeated requests, the officials forcefully evicted us and also harassed us while seizing our valuables including push carts which we are demanding they return to us," Manju, a vendor, said. "This is in violation of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014. Vendors who are affected gathered at the Office of the Joint Commissioner (South) seeking justice. A memorandum was also submitted," said lawyer and activist Vinay Srinivasa.

Meanwhile, civic body officials alleged that the vendors were disrupting movement on pavements, and hence, had to be evicted. "We had to evict them since they were encroaching on pavements. We took the decision after inspecting the roads that were congested," an official said.

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Blurring the boundaries

How two architects use local materials and techniques to let design flow with the context, and meet site-specific challenges as well as opportunities. By **Nandhini Sundar**

DESIGN

When Mumbai-based architects Shriya Parasrampuria and Prashant Dupare decided to initiate their own practice in 2019, both having graduated in 2007 from JJ School of Architecture, the chief factor that brought them together was their joint passion and vision of blurring the boundaries between built and unbuilt spaces. The young architects, not surprisingly, chose to call their practice 'Blurring Boundaries'.

For the duo, architecture is beyond structure and engineering, encompassing art and its aesthetics. They were thus clear that their mainstay architecture would rest on sustainability.

Sustainability, according to both, is beyond materials, technology and design. "It is about fluidity, aesthetics, how you use local materials, adapt simple local techniques to let design flow with the context, keeping the style unique so as to meet the site-specific challenges as well as opportunities", points out Shriya, adding, "Sustainability is the starting point of our design, not the end goal."

In tune with this approach, the duo's projects feature as an apt response to site conditions where the locational sensitivities manifest strongly. "Be it a tree, a scenic backdrop or topography, our designs capture it and highlight the same", Shriya elaborates. The prefab structure they came up with for a resort project in Uttarnkhand is a case in point. Being low in manpower, with presence of wildlife, the site demanded minimal disturbance, the structure requiring to be eco-friendly, minimal footprint and blending into the scene while catering to contemporary requirements.

"We came up with an insulated metal and glass structure, the glass shielded from direct sunlight through the presence of a large overhang. Though metal is perceived as energy consuming, it requires low maintenance and fits perfectly with the site context of low manpower availability. Each project comes with its own constraints and the key is to identify the same and use the material that suits the context", explains Prashant.

Sustainability is the starting point of our design, not the end goal.

Built with mud

Their recent project Maativan, built in Wada, Maharashtra, reflects the architects' strong inclination to connect to the context of the site, resonate and merge with nature. Situated close to a reserve forest, with a thick growth of fruit trees, Shriya and Prashant realised that the structure would need to echo this rural ecology and the best material to achieve this would be mud. They thus came up with a mud composition for the walls that combined neem and turmeric for anti-termite, rice husk and aloe vera to bind the mud, lime to stabilise, hirda, which is a local herb, to strengthen and hay to prevent the cracks in the mud walls.

"Using the right composition ensures the walls do not degrade and last over 30 years. Periodic maintenance is certainly required as it is cob construction. Using lime plaster with water-repellent technique protects it and this strengthening feature of lime is the reason historical buildings were built with stone and lime plaster", explains Prashant. However, the cob did pose challenges, with some of the walls directly exposed to rain starting to crack while under construction. "We replaced these sections with random rubble walls."

The free-flowing living area with the unconventional openings and skylit courtyard

Hiring local labour

The construction was executed by using local labour familiar with mud construction techniques. "But we still had to train and assist in the construction as the design came with a significant amount of curves, slants and sweeps, combined with large openings, thus posing a challenge", adds Prashant. The four-bedroom mud house is constructed as two individual units, with the living, dining, kitchen and two bedrooms featuring in the main structure.

The living space accommodates three open-to-sky courts, enclosing an existing set of trees and the living area built around them. The conventional windows have been dispensed with and replaced with large artistic openings where one is designed as a giant wheel of a cart, another as a tree branch in its organic shape. Yet another comes with discarded bottles where it manifests more as art than an opening. The placement of all the openings is strategic to permit ample cross-ventilation.

Organic roof

The roof of the structure has logs of teak wood collected from the site and used in their natural form. Further, this green roof has a layer of mud over it and covered with a water-proof UV-stabilised sheet, thus fusing seamlessly into the mud walls. The central column supporting the roof is a teak tree trunk going up 12ft in height. The roof over the bedrooms too is organic, featuring split bamboo rafters that are covered with waterproof sheets. As for the roof covering the passages, the bamboo rafters have a layer of toughened glass over them, permitting light to filter into the passage through the glass and thence through the porous bamboo layer. The flooring is done with rammed earth, IPS and Kota stone.

The bamboo doors are fitted into organically shaped openings. The doors feature only in sections where privacy is solicited, with the rest of the spaces left totally open to blend seamlessly with the exterior landscape. The bedrooms open on to a garden.

STONA expo

The 15th edition of STONA international stone fair is all set to begin on February 15 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre. The 4-day event will be host to over 3,000 stalls spanning over an area of more than 40,000 sq.m with country pavilions from China, Turkey, Iran, and Sweden, besides the multiple individual exhibitors from various countries.

A flagship initiative of the Federation of Indian Granite & Stone Industry (FIGSI), it will be on till February 18. STONA has been working for the scientific development of the stone industry since 1983. The international stone fair serves as a veritable ground for new opportunities, facilitating building relationships between domestic and international business houses, connecting designers, artisans, exporters and allied industry professionals.

Business generation is expected to cross over ₹1,000 crore. The event will also have on display a lot of new machinery introduced in the stone industry.

STONA 2023 will also host two seminars, one pertaining to geology, on the topic of 'Sustainable quarrying of natural stones', and a second seminar on the topic 'Sustainable use of natural stones in architecture' where prominent architects from across the country will deliberate.

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Skit staged at college fest angers Dalit groups

Students release apology online; claim it had been 'misinterpreted'

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A skit enacted by the students of Jain (Deemed-to-be) University, Bengaluru, has turned controversial for allegedly containing casteist dialogues and "employing a mocking tone" while referring to Dalits. The video clip of the skit has gone viral on social media drawing the ire of Dalit organisations.

While a member of Vanchit Bahujan Yuva Aghadi filed a complaint against it with Nanded police in Maharashtra on Thursday, Dalit organisations in Bengaluru are set to lodge multiple complaints against the students and the institution. Till late on Friday night, representatives of Dalit organisations were at the Siddapura Police Station trying to lodge a complaint.

The skit was staged by students of Centre for Management Studies (CMS) at Jain University Youth Fest-2023 on February 6.

'Insult to Ambedkar'

Dalit leader Mavalli Shankar said the skit made it apparent that its intention was to insult Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and communities that avail reservation. "It shows the casteist mindset of students and the institution that has allowed this to be staged," he said, adding they plan to stage a protest.

Ha.Ra. Mahesh, General Secretary of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Karnataka, said they planned to lodge complaints under The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, on the university management in every district.

Apology from students

While Jain University's management was not available for comment despite several attempts by *The Hindu* on Friday, the students who staged the skit, who identify themselves as The Delroys Boys, released a statement on social media in which they apologised for the skit, but claimed the skit was aimed "to bring attention to the challenges faced by the marginalised communities, using humour as a tool to shed light on these hardships." They said that it had been misinterpreted.

Two newly-appointed judges of Karnataka High Court assume office

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka and the Karnataka State Bar Council on Friday offered a customary welcome to Justices Vijaykumar A. Patil and Justice Rajesh Rai K., who took oath of office from the Governor on Thursday evening.

Born on October 14, 1975, Justice Patil, from Belagavi, got his law degree from University Law College, Dharwad, and later secured LL.M from the same varsity. He began his career as an advocate in 1999 and worked in the law chambers of Ashok B. Hinchigeri, who later served as a judge of the High Court.

Justice Rai, born on June 1, 1974, in Bantwal taluk, got his law degree from Vivekananda Law College, Puttur, and began his practice in law in 1999. He had worked as an advocate in the law chamber of John Micheal Cunha, who later became a district judge and subsequently served as an High Court judge.

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CORRIGENDUM TO ADVERTISEMENT NO. 02/2023

In partial modification to this office advertisement No. 02/2023 published in the newspapers (The Hindu & Kannada Prabha) on 28.01.2023, the qualification for the said post is amended as follows.

"Higher Secondary or its equivalent and minimum speed of 80 w.p.m. in Shorthand, duly supported by certificate from a Government recognised institution". Other conditions remain unchanged.

National Health Mission
STATE HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY
Arogya Soudha, 1st Floor, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023.
Phone: 080-23113584 E-mail: pdrch-hfws@karnataka.gov.in

No: SNO/ASHA/15/2021-22 Date: 10-02-2023
Ref.No: NRHM/2022-23/IND-315 Asha Diary

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement)
For Printing & Supply of ASHA Diary

National Health Mission invites tender from reputed Manufacturers/ Authorized Dealer with necessary documents for **Printing & Supply of ASHA Diary under ASHA Program.**

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The tender document can be downloaded through e-Procurement Portal **from 10-02-2023 onwards** and Last Date for Receipt of Tender is **on or before 25-02-2023 at 5.30 PM.**

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours **from 11.00 AM to 5.30 PM.**

Sd/-
Project Director (RCH)

DIPR/CP/Adverto/4645/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Central-1, BBMP, Bengaluru-560 002.

No: EE/PC-1/PR/395/2022-23 Date:10.02.2023

CORRIGENDUM-1

Ref.: Tender Notification No.: **EE/P.C-1/TEND/14/2022-23 Dated:27.01.2023,** with reference to the above tender notification, the calendar of events for the tender process have been extended as follows due to technical reasons.

Particulars	Published Date	Revised Date
Last date & time for receipt of queries	06.02.2023 upto 5.30 p.m.	**15.02.2023 upto 5.30 p.m.**
Pre-bid meeting	07.02.2023 at 4.00 p.m.	**16.02.2023 at 4.00 p.m.**
Last date for uploading the filled tender Document.	14.02.2023 upto 5.30 p.m.	**21.02.2023 upto 5.30 p.m.**
Opening of Technical bid	16.02.2023 at 11.30 a.m.	**23.02.2023 at 11.30 a.m.**

All Other terms and conditions remains the same.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, (Project Central-1)

KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
No.16 C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara, Bengaluru - 560052. Phone: 080-22268677/78/79 Fax: 080-22268667
E-mail: kerc-ka@nic.in Website: https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in

No: KERC/B15/12/FTS-1011/2746 Date: 10-02-2023

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission Vide Notification No: KERC/B15/12 dated: 19.01.2023 had published the **Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Fuel and Power Purchase Cost Adjustment) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2023** in the Karnataka Gazette, inviting Comments / Views / Suggestions / Objections if any on the draft Regulations from the stake holders / interested persons and had also hosted the same on the Commission's Website: **https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in**

The Commission will hold a public hearing in the matter, **at 11.00 AM on 23-02-2023 in the 1st Floor, Court Hall of the Commission, #16 C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthnagara, Bengaluru - 560052.** Interested persons / stakeholders / public may participate in the "Public Hearing" and make their oral / written submissions before the Commission.

Sd/- Secretary
for Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

DIPR/CP/4638/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-01
Telephone No. 080-22133370, Fax No. 080-22133365
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com
E-Portal : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Corrigendum Notification No: 44-03/2022-23
Dated: 10.02.2022

With reference to this office Tender Notification No.: **44/2022-23 Dated: 17.01.2023** Corrigendum is issued with the Calendar of events as mentioned below :

For Sl No. 14 Work : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **10.02.2023** onwards.

2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **17:00** hours on dated **17.02.2023**

3) The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **20.02.2023** at **17.30** hours or further date and time to be intimated. **Note:** All other conditions of tender notification remain unaltered.

For more details contact this officer or can be had from e-procurement portal (**http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/4641/Zen/2022-23

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-2 (BSWML), 2nd Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru-560 056.

No: DGM-2/(BSWML)/PR-123/22-23 Date: 10.02.2023

CORRIGENDUM-1

Sub: Extension of Calendar of Events for Tender Notification.

Ref: This office Tender Notification No. DGM-2/BSWML/TEND/16/2022-23 Dated: 04.02.2023.

As per the above subject and reference, the calendar of events for the above tender notification is extended due to Administration and Technical reasons.

TIME SCHEDULE /CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sl. No	Description	As per tender notification	Extended dates please read as
1.	Pre bid meeting date and time	On 10-02-2023 upto15:00 hrs.	On 15-02-2023 up-to 15:00 hrs.
2.	Last date and time for uploading qualification documents	On 19-02-2023 upto 16:00 hrs.	On 23-02-2023 up-to 16:00 hrs.
3.	Opening of tender date and time	On 20-02-2023 upto 16:30 hrs.	On 24-02-2023 up-to 16:30 hrs.

For Further details visit GOK e–Procurement Website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Deputy General Manager -2,
BSWML

DIPR/CP/4644/2022-23

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of The Chief General Manager (Tech), 1st Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Millers Tank Bund Area, Vasanthnagar Bengaluru - 560 052

No: CGM(TECH)/BSWML/TEND/09/2022-23 Date: 10-02-2023

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

1. The Chief General Manager (Tech), on behalf of Managing Director, BSWML, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for Providing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) services for the works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract.
2. Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under login for Contractors: After login to Contractors, please scroll down to the right-side bottom to see List of Tenders, please click there to find the details of RFP and download copy of the tender. The tender document can be downloaded in the portal from **15.02.2023.** Only interested consultant who wishes to participate should remit online transaction fee for tender after registering in the portal. The transaction fee is non-refundable.
3. Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal **on or before 16.00 hours on 23.02.2023** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines.
4. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Project Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)	Cost of Tender Document	Contract Period
1.	Providing Project Management Consultancy services (PMC) for the works of 1. Fencing of SWM infrastructure assets required places in BBMP. 2. Creation of SWM infrastructure in RR Nagar Constituency. 3. Establishment of 200 TPD Coconut Processing unit which comprises of shredding, squeezing, screening, pulverizing and pelleting to produce 3 products - organic liquid, cocopeat and pellets in 1 acre of land at the Waste Tech Park Proposed in Lakkasandra. 4. Upgradation of RDF shed to 50 ton Semi Automated Material Recovery Facility in 3 existing processing plants in BBMP. 5. Up-gradation and Establishment of new Decentralised Dry waste collection centers (DWCC) for storage, sorting and to recovery the valuable dry waste - 20 Nos). 6. Improvements to DWCC centre and Segregation Centre in ward no. 167 - Yediyur. 7. Upgradation of Dry Waste Centre and Improvements to surroundings of garbage centre in Govindaraja nagar sub division and Chandra Layout sub division in Govindaraj nagara Constituency. 8. Construction of waste diversion channel and development works to prevent SWM dumping in Srigandakaval lake and allied works (sy. no. 15) ward no. 129. 9. Improvement and development of dry waste collection centre (DWCC) in Rajarajeshwarinagar Assembly Constituency. 10. Improvement and development of dry waste collection centre (DWCC) in Chickapete Assembly Constituency. 11. Improvement and development of dry waste collection centre (DWCC) in Hebbal Assembly Constituency. 12. Improvement and development of dry waste collection centre (DWCC) in BTM Layout Constituency. 13. Establishment and Improvements to transit points in Govindrajanagar sub division and Chandra Layout sub division in Govindarajnagara Constituency. 14. Improvements to DWCC Centre and Segregation Centre Padmanabhanagar Constituency. 15. Establishment and Improvements to transit points Padmanabhanagar Constituency. 16. Construction of Dry waste collection centre(4TPD) SWM and improvement in its surrounding areas in Bengaluru South Assembly constituency.	8120.00	1.62	As per e-Portal	12 Months

NOTE:-

1. Technical qualification documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** as per tender document **on or before 16:00 hours on 23-02-2023** and First Folder containing the Technical bid will be opened through e-portal only on **25-02-2023 after 16:30 hours** at the stipulated venue, in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
2. The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderer's responsibility to verify the e-procurement portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is **hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.** E-procurement portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/22373788. The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of e-procurement portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches.
3. Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the E-Procurement portal only.
4. GST shall be paid separately if applicable.

Time Schedule/Calendar of Events: (1) Last Date & Time for uploading Qualification Documents: **On 23-02-2023 upto 16:00 Hrs. (2)** Opening of Tender: **On 25-02-2023 at 16.00 Hrs.**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Tech)
BSWML

DIPR/CP/4648/2022-23

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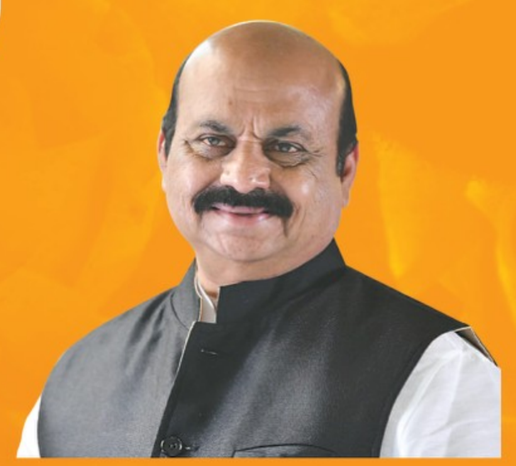

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Major Milestone in India's Cooperative Sector

Inauguration of CAMPCO Golden Jubilee Celebrations,

Foundation Stone Laying for 'Agri Mall'
being established in a one-acre area in **Puttur**
and
Digital Inauguration of Coconut Unit, built in the **Puttur** Chocolate Factory premises, and Well-equipped **Multi-purpose Godown** constructed in **Bhadravathi**

By **Shri Amit Shah**
Hon'ble Union Minister for Home and Cooperation

February 11, 2023, Saturday | 3.00 PM

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- The purchase of cocoa was started in **1979** to encourage mixed crop agriculture and save the cocoa growers when multinational companies stopped the purchase of cocoa.
- In **1986,** then Hon'ble President of India Shri Giani Jail Singh inaugurated the chocolate factory in Puttur.
- The factory has automated and well-equipped machines that can produce **23,000 MT** annually.
- **The factory has employed the local youth and is contributing to the idea of Atma Nirbhar Bharat in its own way.**
- **The Administrative Board has already taken steps to replace old machines with new ones by investing Rs. 100 crore in the next five years**
- **More than 100 branches** in Karnataka and Kerala
- Protects the interest of over **1.3 lakh members.**

Significant Steps by State Govt. for the development of Coastal Karnataka

100 Deep Sea Fishing Vessels have been approved under **PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)** at a total cost of **Rs.120 crore** to enhance fish production, export potential and employment.

Under Public-Private Partnership (PPP), a **30 MTPA deep water all-season Greenfield Port is being developed in Keni at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,000 crore.**

Under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model, a **5 million MTPA Port** with an investment of **Rs.600 crore** is under development at Honnavar Port, Uttara Kannada District.

State-of-the-art fishing harbour at Majali, Uttar Kannada, is being taken up by Govt. of India (under Sagarmala and PMMSY) and Govt. of Karnataka at a total cost of **Rs.250 crore.**

Work is under progress to construct a **350 m Coastal Berth** at the Old Mangaluru Port at an estimated cost of **Rs. 65 crore.**

Development of about **12 MTPA Deep Water All-Weather Greenfield Port at Pavinakurve** in Honnavar Taluk, on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, at an estimated cost of **Rs.2,000 crore**

Under the Central Sagarmala Coastal Berth Scheme, **Rs.276 crore** development projects are under implementation at Karwar Port.

Dredging of navigation channels in **8 fishing harbours** at **Rs.20 crore** for smooth and speedy movement of fishing boats. Works are in progress.

In 2021-22, **Rs.35 crore** was spent on sea erosion prevention projects and **Rs.37.90 crore** on Non-Major Ports, Inland Water Transport and Sagarmala Projects.

Rs. 29 crore has been sanctioned for Capital Dredging works in Old Mangaluru Port, and the project is in the tender stage.

Development of a Dedicated Jetty with Allied Infrastructure Facilities and a Cruise Terminal at Old Mangaluru Port at an estimated cost of **Rs.65 crore** to revive the historic trade ties with the Lakshadweep Islands. Works are in the tender stage.

Under Sagaramala Project, Govt. has sanctioned **Rs. 48.12 crore** for Bengre Ancillary and Beach Development, Gurupura River Islands Development Project and Ro Ro Ro Packs Jetty Project. The project is in the tender stage.

Establishment of a Maritime Training Institute at an estimated cost of Rs. **30.35 crore** in Karwar, Uttara Kannada, to impart industry-relevant skills and generate employment for the youths of Karnataka's coastal community.

To prevent the damage caused by cyclones, the **National Cyclone Risk Mitigation project** is being implemented at the national level with the help of the National Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI, New Delhi and World Bank. In Karnataka, this project is being implemented in three coastal districts of Karnataka – **Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada**

Approval from Central Govt. to build a '**Plastic Park**' at Ganjimata, Mangaluru, Karnataka, at a cost of **Rs 62.77 crore.**

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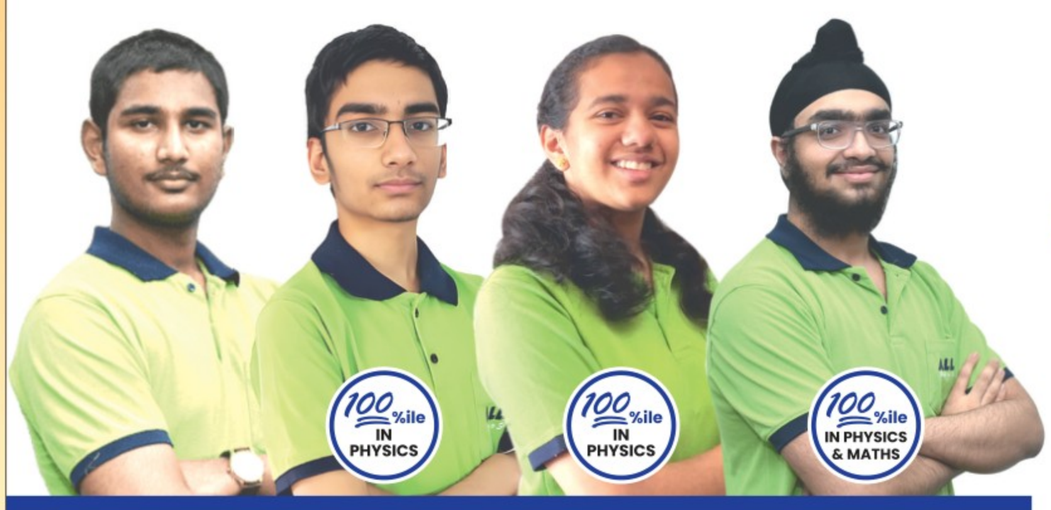

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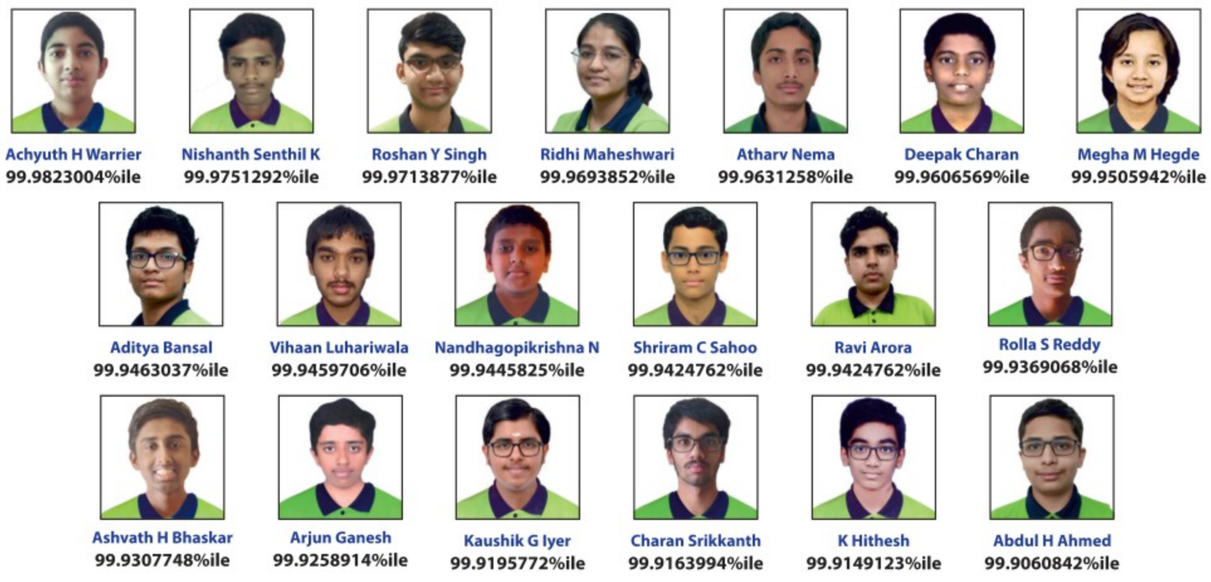

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S. No.	Name of Work Tender	Amount Put to Tender	Tender Fee	Date of release of Tender through e-Procurement Solution	Last Date and Time of download and RTGS through e-Procurement Solution
1	Providing House Sewer Connection from nearest DJB Manholes to individual house in U/A Colonies under Vikaspuri GoC. Tender ID: 2023_DJB_236285_1	Rs. 28,26,65,382/-	1500/- in the form of RTGS	09.02.2023	02.03.2023 up to 3:00 PM

The tender has been uploaded on website http://delhi.govtprocurement.com.
ISSUED BY P.R.O (WATER) (Er. V.P. Sharma)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 487 (2022-23) EE(C)DR-XII

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (SDW) C/O
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WAZIRABAD ROAD DELHI-110053
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Press Tender Notice- NIT No. 17 (2022-23)

S. No.	Description of work	Tender/ Fee (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Augmentation/ Up-gradation of STP Ph-1 Yamuna Vihar under Package-4 (Re-invited) Tender ID: 2023_DJB_236332_1	1500/-	20 Lakh deposit + 67.33 Lakh in the form of BG	09-02-2023	06-03-2023 at 3:00 PM

For further details in this regard can be seen at https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
ISSUED BY P.R.O (WATER) (Bhushan Verma)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 492 (2022-23) Exe. Engineer (SDW)-III

Government of Karnataka
(Water Resources Department)
Bhadra Command Area Development Authority
Engineering Division Malavagoppa, Nidige Post, Shivamogga – 577222
No:BCS/E.Division/T.Branch/Tender/22-23/628 Dtd:06.02.2023

Itemwar Short-Term Tender Notice Invitation for Tender as per KW-1 and KW-3 (IFT – 09/2022-23)

Head of Account: 2705-SDP & KNNL Capital Grant - CADA

On behalf of the Hon'ble Administrator, Bhadra CADA, Shivamogga, the Executive Engineer, Engineering Division, Bhadra Command Area Development Authority, Malavagoppa, Shivamogga invites Itemwar Short-Term Tenders through e-procurement as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act – 1999, Rules – 2000 and Regulations 2017 from eligible class 4 and above contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department/ Water Resources Department/Panchayat Raj Engineering Department for Works of Ayacut Roads in Single Cover System and from eligible class 3 and above contractors for work of constructing Field Drain in two cover system.

Details are as below. 1. Date of accessing tender in e-procurement: From 07.02.2023 to 14.02.2023. **2.** Last date for submission of filled bids: 14.02.2023 up to 5.00 PM **3.** Date of opening Single Cover (financial & technical bid) and Two Cover (technical bid): 15.02.2023 after 5.30 PM **4.** Date of opening Two Cover (financial bid): 17.02.2023 after 11.00 AM.

Further information regarding the works, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Engineering Division, Bhadra CADA, Shivamogga, during office hours or from website http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Engineering Division, Bhadra CADA, Shivamogga.
DIPR/smg/no.103/02/22-23/1882

Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board Office of the Chief Engineer
Jalamandali Compound, Sir.M. Vishveshvarayya Road,Dharwad-580 001 E-mail: kwbcen@gmail.com
Tel No: 0836-2447090

SHROT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders for the following works are invited (two cover system) through e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from the eligible Agency / contractors who satisfy the Technical & Financial eligibility criteria. **This office Tender Notification No: 2373, Dated: 09-02-2023. (1)** Improvements of Water Supply Scheme to **Navalgund Town** under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3264/ CALL-2. (2)** Providing Water Supply Distribution System to **Bankapur Town** under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3265/ CALL-2. (3)** Providing Water Supply Distribution System to **Channamma Kittur Town** under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3266/ CALL-2. (4)** Providing pressurized water supply Distribution system to **Zone-3 of Guledgudda Town** under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3269/ CALL-2. (5)** Providing, Pressurised Water Supply Distribution System to **Kolhar Town** under AMRUT 2.O including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3271/ CALL-2. (6)** Providing Water Supply Distribution System to **Managuli Town** under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3273/ CALL-2.**

For further information visit e-procurement portal or the Office of the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D. Board, Dharwad may be contacted.

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER, KUWS & D BOARD, DHARWAD.
DIPR/DWD/1082/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, TUMKUR TERRITORIAL DIVISION, TUMKUR
E-Mail:dcftmk_dcftmk@yahoo.co.in
No:A/BUD/O.S/Tender/CR-98/2022-23 Dated: 08.02.2023

E-Tender Notification

E-Tenders are invited from the reputed Labour Contractor/Human Resources Services Organisations for providing Man Power i.e., Literate Assistant/ Computer Operator, Drivers, Group "D" and APC Camp Watchers to the various units comes under Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tumakuru Division, Tumakuru for the year 2023-24 (1-4-2023 to 31-3-2024). The Service Providers/ Agencies shall apply for the following works.

Total Number of Man power required: 92, Highest Estimated Amount of the Works Rs.79,29,017/- Highest Value of the EMD: Rs.1,98,225/- Lowest Estimated Amount of the Works : Rs.2,71,578/-, Lowest Value of the EMD: Rs.6789/-

Last date for submission of Bid: **08.03.2023** at 3:00 PM, Technical Bid Opening Date : **09.03.2023** at 04:00 PM, For more information about this tender may contact our office at office timings and more details on https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Deputy Conservator of Forests,
DIPR/TUM/951/MCA/2022-23 Tumkur Division, Tumkur

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU BENCH, AT BENGALURU
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN GEM PAINTS PRIVATE LIMITED AND ESHA PAINTS PRIVATE LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS
CP (CAA) No. 02/BB/2023
C/W
CA (CAA) NO. 51/BB/ 2022

GEM PAINTS PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U24220KA1980PTC003715
Registered Office: 417/418, 11 th Cross,
4 th Phase, Peenya Industrial Area,
Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 058
... PETITIONER COMPANY NO. 1/DEMERGED COMPANY

ESHA PAINTS PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U24222KA2022PTC160270
Registered Office: 417/418, 11th Cross,
4th Phase, Peenya Industrial Area,
Bangalore, Karnataka – 560 058
... PETITIONER COMPANY NO. 2/RESULTING COMPANY

NOTICE

A Petition under Sections 230 and 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 for sanctioning the Scheme of Arrangement ("Scheme") between Gem Paints Private Limited and Esha Paints Private Limited and their respective shareholders was presented by the Petitioner Companies on 27.12.2022 and the said Petition came up for admission on 24.01.2023 and is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on 07.03.2023.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Petition should send to the Petitioner's advocate at the address mentioned below, notice of such intention, in writing, signed by him/her or his/her advocate, with his/her full name and address, to reach the Petitioner Advocate, not later than two (2) days before the date fixed for hearing of the Petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of the affidavit, shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same, on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

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Place: Bengaluru
Date: 11.02.2023

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI.
www.midnglb@rediffmail.com. PHONE : 08472 -220196
IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-2/2022-23/ 4640 DATED : 10-02-2023

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-4) :-

1) Detail of work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELEGIBAL TENDERERS FOR 4702 NEW TANK FOR THE YEAR 2021-22 , 2) Amount of Estimate : **Rs. 1162,04,835.35**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-1, 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount: Tender Fee As per e-portal E.M.D. Rs. 11,62,500.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: 20-02-2023 Upto 11.00 Hours, 6) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: 21-02-2023 Up to 17.30 Hours, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: 22-02-2023 Up to 17.30 Hours, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 23-02-2023 Up to 17.30 Hours, 9) Addl. information: Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal.: **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1276/MC&A/2022-23

Office of The Deputy Commissioner, Chikkamagaluru District, Chikkamagaluru.
District Urban Development Cell, Chikkamagaluru
e-mail: dudc_ckg@yahoo.co.in Ph.: 08262-239010 Fax: 08262-231044
No.: DUDC(1)CR/20/2021-22 Date: 08.02.2023

e-Procurement Tender Notice-2

Tender is invited in two cover system from eligible contractors for undertaking electrical works sanctioned to Chikkamagaluru City Municipal Council of Chikkamagaluru District under Chief Minister's Amrut Nagarothana Scheme (Municipality) Stage – 4.

Details of work

Sl. No. 1. Details of Work: DMA/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 140116/CALL-3 **Approx. Amount (Rs. in lakhs) :** 286.04 **E.M.D. Amount (in Rs.):** 3,83,310

Tender Form Fee: As per e-procurement portal. Time period of work: 03 Months. Class of Contractor: Class 1 Electrical Contractor.

Schedule

*) Last date and time for submission of Tender in e-procurement: 24.02.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs. *) Date and time of opening Technical Bid: 27.02.2023 at 11.00 Hrs. *) Date and time of opening Financial Bid: 02.03.2023 at 11.00 Hrs. *) Last date and time for submission of Objections in e-procurement: 15.02.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs. *) Pre-Bid Meeting of Tender: 17.02.2023, 11.00 Hrs.Place: Office of The Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, Office of The Deputy Commissioner, Chikkamagaluru.

Further details can be obtained during working hours of the office and in e-portal. Any changes will be published only in e-portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Chikkamagaluru.
DIPR/ckm/No.276/mca/22-23/1892

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಅಪರ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ

ಸಂ: ಅಭೂಸ್ವಾಅ/ಪ್ರ.ಸಂ೦ಖ್ಯೆ: ಪಿಆರ್‌ಆರ್–2/2438/2022–23 ದಿ: 10.02.2023

ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

"PRR-2" Major Arterial Road ಸಲುವಾಗಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ. ಶೀಗೆಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಕನ್ನಲ್ಲಿ, ಕೊಡಿಗೇಹಳ್ಳಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕಂಭೀಪುರ, ಚಿಳ್ಳಘಟ್ಟ, ಕೆ.ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜಸಾಗರ, ಭೀಮನಕುಪ್ಪೆ, ಕೊಮ್ಮಘಟ್ಟ, ಸೂಲಿಕೆರೆ, ಕೆಂಚನಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿನ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1976 ಕಲಂ 19(1)ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಯುಡಿಡಿ/169/ಎಂಎನ್‌ಎಕ್ಸ್/2011, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.07.2011 ರಂದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂ.ನಅಇ/444/ಬೆಂಭೂಸ್ವಾ/2017, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.01.2018ರ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಅಂಶಗಳ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಡಪ್ರಭು ಕೆಂಪೇಗೌಡ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾದುಹೋಗುವ ಪಿ.ಆರ್.ಆರ್–2 ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ 321 ಎಕರೆ 10 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಶೇಕಡ 50:50 ರ ಅನುಪಾತದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾದ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ

ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ ಕೆಂಚನಪುರ, ಚಿಲ್ಲಘಟ್ಟ, ಕೊಡಿಗೇಹಳ್ಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಲಿಕೆರೆ, ಕೊಮ್ಮಘಟ್ಟ ಕೃಷ್ಣಸಾಗರ ಖಾತೆದಾರರು/ಅನುಭವದಾರರು/ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರಿಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1894 ಕಲಂ 9 & 10 ರಡಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಐತೀರ್ಪು ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಖಾತೆದಾರರು/ಅನುಭವದಾರರು/ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರಿಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಕಲಂ 12(2)ರಡಿ ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ 12(2)ರಡಿ ನೋಟಿಸ್ ತಲುಪದೇ ಇದ್ದ ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು 12(2)ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಎಂದು ಭಾವಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: **20.02.2023 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11–00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಸದರಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದು ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ನೀಡಲು ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ. ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ 12(2) ನೋಟಿಸ್‌ನ್ನು ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಕಾನೂನು ರೀತಿಯ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯ ಕಲಂ 16(1)ರಡಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆಯಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಚಿಲ್ಲಘಟ್ಟ

LAC NO.	Khathedar	Sy.No.	Extent A	G
12/2011-12	Javarilal S/o Mongilal, S.K. Venkatesh bin late Krishnaiah.	08	1	0

ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಸೂಲಿಕೆರೆ

LAC NO.	Khathedar	Sy.No.	Extent A	G
57/2011-12	Revanabasappa, Shivanna S/o Karibasappa, H Somashekharaiah S/o Honnappa, PuttaRevamma W/o Honnappa,	2/3	0	09
58/2011-12	Thimmakka W/o Jayaramaiah	2/4 (2/11)	0	04.1/2

ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಕೆಂಚನಪುರ

LAC NO.	Khathedar	Sy.No.	Extent A	G
95/2011-12	Sri K.T.Ramamurthy S/o Doddathimaiah	3/5	0	33
99/2011-12	Dondojirao, Doddanarashimaiah,K.M.Channappa, Jyothojirao, Narashimaiah S/o Hanumanthaiah, Puttamaregouda, Jaggaiah, Rangaiah S/o Rangahanumaiah, SharadammaW/o Puttachannappa, K.V.Nagaraj S/o Late Venkataramanappa, Gangaraju S/o. Ranganna, Gangamma W/o. Late Erappa, Murthy S/o Late Erappa Thimmaiah @ Thammaiah S/o.Thimmaiah, Govindappa S/o. lateThimmarayappa, Doddamunojirao.	15	0	10
103/2011-12	Mehboob Pasha S/o Wahab Pasha, Benadict A.Raju S/o M.Raju, Channegowda M S/o Mariyappa Puttanna S/o late Puttanaiah, Keshavlal K.Patel S/o Kanji Patel,B.R. Ranganath S/o B.A.R.Iyenger (Conversion) Halegowda S/o Bommegowda	39/1&2	0	02

ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಕೊಮ್ಮಘಟ್ಟ ಕೃಷ್ಣಸಾಗರ

LAC NO.	Khathedar	Sy.No.	Extent A	G
37/2011-12	Hanumakka W/o late Nagaraju, Anjankumar S/o late Nagaraju, Kiran kumar S/o late Nagaraju	23	0	5

ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಕೊಡಿಗೇಹಳ್ಳಿ

LAC NO.	Khathedar	Sy.No.	Extent A	G
159/2011-12	Motaiah	58/6	0	07

ಸಹಿ/– ಅಪರ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

Government of Karnataka
(Karnataka Rural water supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURGI-585105
No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/3231 Dated : 08-02-2023

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site **http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in** and should be submitted through E-procurment system only.

1) Name of work: **Afzalapur -01 (Indent No 54752) Aland taluka-02 (Indent No 54764 & 54766) Kalaburagi Taluka-01 (Indent No 54770), Jewargi-01 (Indent No 48204), Sedam -03 (Indent No. 54751, 54747 & 54749)** 2) Head of A/C: JJM, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-III & II & above, 4) Tender Amount: **Min 59,52,420/-, Max 1,38,96,471/-** 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **08-02-2023 11:00am,** 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **15-02-2023 4.00pm,** 8) Opening of Techincal Bid:**16-02-2023 4.01pm**, 9) Opening of Financial Bid: **20-02-2023 11:00am,** 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi
DIP/Kalaburagi/1271/MC&A/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Div., Chitradurga.
NO.EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB-2/TENDER NOTIFICATION: 51/2022-23/271 DATE: 9.02.2023

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION - K.W.-2,3 (TWO COVER SISTEM)

Item rate tender in two cover system as per rule 28 of KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible Class-I & II contractors Registered in PWD & Eligible Agency/Consultancy for the following work through e-procurement portal. The tender documents may be downloaded from official website of Karnataka Government. Tender should be submitted through online in official e-procurement portal only. Tenders will be opened as per the guidelines of e-procurement portal.

1) Eligibility of Contractors: Class-I Contractors Registered K. P.W.D. 2) Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender: 24.02.2023 upto 05:30 P.M. 3) Last Date for submission of Tenders: 25.02.2023 upto 04:00 P.M. 4) Date & Time of Opening of Tender (If possible): Technical Bid: 27.02.2023 after 04:30 P.M. Finacial Bid: 28.02.2023 after 10:30 AM.

Name of work: 1) Repaires to Vaddanal tank waste wier in Channagiri taluk Davanagere Dist. (Resered for ST Category). Amount put to tender: Rs. 43.34 Lakhs. 2) Improvements to Chikkaganguru tank in Channagiri taluk Davanagere Dist.(Resered for SC Category). Amount put to tender: Rs. 21.18 Lakhs. 3) Improvements to Hireganguru tank in Channagiri taluk Davanagere Dist. Amount put to tender: Rs. 21.17 Lakhs. 4) Improvements to Thumbre hall near Devara halli Village in Channagiri taluk Davanagere Dist. Amount put to tender: Rs. 42.36 Lakhs. 5) Improvements to Thumbre hall near Chikka Devara halli Village in Channagiri taluk Davanagere Dist. Amount put to tender: Rs. 43.35 Lakhs. 6) Improvements to Feeder canal of vaddina kere near Channeshapura Village in Channagiri taluk Davanagere Dist. Amount put to tender: Rs. 85.00 Lakhs.

Note: Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 9.02.2023. Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in e-portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from e-procurement help desk No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227.

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I, SUNDARA POOJARI have changed my name from SUNDARA to SUNDARA POOJARI, for all future purposes by affidavit dated 09–02–2023, Notary SESHAGIRI, Bang 43

I, E.SAKUNTHALA, Spouse of No. JC779165K, Rank: Nb Sub Name: S.Govindarasu, presently R/a Qtr No.P03/06, Vasanth Enclave, PRTC JC Nagar, Bangalore-560006 have changed my name to Sakunthala.E vide affidavit dt: 24.11.2022 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, B'lore

I, SABIHA Begaum, R/o No.12/2, E Cross, 6th B Main, Bismillah Nagar, Bengaluru-560029 have changed my name to Sabiha Begum vide affidavit dt: 02.02.2023 sworn before Notary V.Rajashekhara, B'lore.

LEGAL NOTICE

FORM NO. 1-A
Summons/notice for service by advertisement in newspaper
(Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF THE LXI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE- CCH-62.
O.S. NO.: 4069 of 2020
Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd;
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068.
Defendant :
Mr. Girija Shankar Nayak,
Aged about 29 years S/o Bhagirathi Nayak
Residing at Deena Nilaya, Kuvempu 1st Main Udaya Nagar, DV Nagar Post, Bangalore- 560 016.

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit /an application against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 3,22,587/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Seven Only) together with future interest at 15.99% p.a, you are hereby summoned to appear before the LXI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court, Judge, Bangalore; in person or by pleader on the 20th day of March 2023, to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex- parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 21/01/2023.

By order of the court
Dy Registrar
City Civil Court, Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, No.60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M.Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 051; 9902928290/7892117565

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MADHUKARA POOJARY have changed my name from MADHUKARA to MADHUKARA POOJARY, for all future purposes by affidavit dated 09–02–2023, Notary SESHAGIRI, Bang 43

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO: 26803/2022
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder
Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...Plaintff
AND
Mr. Spenjen Dick Andrew A
...Defendant
Summons to Defendants
To,
Mr. Spenjen Dick Andrew A, S/o Sri. Alagurathinam, Aged about 32 years, No.26, Kalkere Village, Upanagar, 4th Main Floor, Horamavu Main Road, Bangalore-560043.

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.4,08,917/- (Rupees Four Lakh Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17-03-23 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 02-02-2023.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
MAYOHALL UNIT,
BANGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

‘Governor’s address only proves corruption charges against government’

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Terming the Governor’s address to the joint session of the State legislature on Friday as being devoid of anything new, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah said the speech seemed to prove people’s accusation that the government was drowning in corruption without doing any work.

“Corruption is the biggest problem in the State today. There was not a word about what steps the government has taken to overcome this problem. The Governor’s speech is confirming that the government is in favour of corruption,” Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

The State is facing serious problems mainly unemployment, price rise, corruption, an atmosphere of unrest, agrarian crisis, weavers’ and fishermen problems, and lack of emphasis on small-scale industries. “It is the responsibility of the government to recognise and eliminate these problems,” he said.

Senior Congress leader H.K. Patil, referring to the speech mentioning clearing the detailed project report of the Kalasa-Banduri Nala project, said, “This is an old issue. But didn’t the Governor’s speech not mention anything about forest and environmental clearance for the project?” There is no mention of the demand by people of north Karnataka to grant the status of national project for the Upper Krishna Project, he added.

‘Trust on govt. lost’

JD(S) deputy leader in the Assembly Bandeppa Kashempur said, “There is not a single element in the Governor’s address that can be thought of as a new programme for farmers. The Governor has mentioned only routine duties of the government. People have lost trust in this government.”

State spent about 75% of Budget estimates by January: Governor

Thaawarchand Gehlot addresses joint session of the legislature; State achieved 91% of revenue collection, he says

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government spent about 75% of the Budget estimates by January 2023, said Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, addressing the joint session of the State legislature on Friday.

The Governor said the quantum of spending was higher when compared with the performance in the last few years.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot addressing the joint session of the State legislature at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Friday. Legislative Assembly Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri (left) and Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti were present.

Collection of revenue

In his 32-page address, which was read out in Hindi, the Governor said the State achieved 91% of revenue collection by January 2023. Collection of the State’s Own Tax revenue increased by 21% by January when compared with the previous year, he said.

Similarly, the State reported a capital expenditure of ₹33,991 crore by January as against ₹26,915 crore during the corresponding period in the previous year.

Mr. Gehlot, who presented a summary of the BJP government’s achievements in all departments, said Karnataka was one of the leading States in India that was “successfully implementing development programmes through its progressive and citizen-friendly schemes”.

“My government is committed to the welfare and development of farmers, labourers, poor, weaker sections, and the underprivileged. My government is following the path of inclusive development. I am confident that such a measure will help in successfully navigating the path of progress laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal,” he said.

In the one-hour speech, the Governor listed the schemes taken up by different departments, including the Raitha Vidya Nidhi.

Completely cashless

Karnataka was the first and the only State in India where complete cashless and digital transactions had started in cocoon e-markets with e-auction, e-weighing, and e-payment systems, he said.

Referring to the flagship programme Jal Jeevan Mission, the Governor said 37.54 lakh households had been connected to piped water supply through this initiative. With this, 61.34% of households in Karnataka had been given tap water connection, he added

Speech in Hindi draws Opposition ire

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Friday delivered his address to the joint session of the Karnataka legislature in Hindi, drawing the ire of the Opposition.

“It is a sensitive issue and goes against the position taken by the State with respect to language. The State government should be blamed for this, and it owes an explanation to the people of Karnataka,” said senior Congress leader H.K. Patil. The Governor should have clarified at the beginning that he cannot speak in English, Mr. Patil added.

Another veteran Congress leader R.V. Deshpande too maintained that the Governor should not have spoken in Hindi.

₹26.9 cr. from govt. staff for cow adoption

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Friday said a contribution of ₹26.97 crore had been received from government employees towards the Punyakoti adoption scheme, which has been implemented in Karnataka for the first time in India to protect cattle in government and private goshalas.

Stating that the cow slaughter prohibition Act had been implemented to protect the cattle wealth, the Governor said 100 goshalas were being set up to protect weak, sick, and orphaned animals which farmers cannot rear.

Siddaramaiah, HDK skip Governor’s address

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah and JD(S) legislature party leader H.D. Kumaraswamy skipped the Governor’s address to the joint session of the legislature on Friday. In all, only 50% of the legislators – about 150 – participated in the joint session.

Ashok relieved of responsibility of Mandya district in-charge

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Revenue Minister R. Ashok has been relieved of his responsibility as Minister in charge of Mandya district, barely a fortnight after the appointment, following resentment in certain quarters of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has announced that Mr. Ashok has been relieved of his responsibility after the latter made a request for the same citing the attention he needed to give for implementing programmes of the Revenue Department.

The government had appointed Mr. Ashok as the Minister in charge of Mandya on the eve of Republic Day, replacing Minister for Excise K. Gopalaiah, who was holding additional charge.

The resentment over Mr. Ashok’s appointment in sections of the party was reflected in the posters of ‘Go back Ashok’ that greeted the Revenue Minister when he came to the district headquarters to hoist the national flag on Republic Day.

When the matter was brought to the Chief Minister notice during his subsequent visit to Mysuru, Mr. Bommai dismissed the development as a minor one.

Opposition

However, BJP leaders in Mandya were reportedly opposed to Mr. Ashok’s appointment as the Minister in charge of the district in view of his proximity to leaders of the JD(S). A section of the party leaders was reportedly wary of Mr. Ashok sacrificing the party’s interests in Mandya at a time when the BJP was making serious efforts to make political inroads in the Vokkaliga-dominated district.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ashok, in a February 5 letter to Mr. Bommai, requested him that he be spared of the responsibility of any district.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **Smt. Shyamala B**, W/o Late Ramamurthy, Aged about 53 years, Residing at No. 2, 1st Cross, DSC Road, Eshwarnagar, Kadirenahalli, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore – 560 070, was in custody of original Notarised General Power of Attorney dated 05/09/2006 (pertains to entire schedule property) and Registered Sale Deed dated 17/10/2011, duly Registered in Book – I, as Document No. MLR-1-03022-2011-12, stored in C.D. No. MLRD 68 (pertains to portion of land measuring 14 Guntas in schedule property) and recently it was noticed that both the original General Power of Attorney dated 05/09/2006 and Sale Deed dated 17/10/2011 were not traceable and as such a police complaint has been lodged before the Jurisdictional Police Station on 19/01/2023 in respect of loss of aforesaid document.

The aforesaid original documents pertains to all that piece and parcel of converted land bearing Sy. No.42, Village Panchayath Katha No.59, measuring 1 Acre 34 Guntas, situated at Madiwala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District and bounded on **East by :** Sri. Ravi & Sri. M.N. Venkataramanappa's Land, **West by :** Sri. Doddavaradappa's Land, **North by :** Sri. Veerabadrappa & others Land, **South by :** Sri. M.B. Narayanaswamy's Land.

The finder of the aforesaid document may return the same to the undersigned. If any person has got any claim or right over the aforesaid property or aforementioned documents, the same may be conveyed to the undersigned with documentary proof within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

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For M/s The Firm,
No. A/30, Raja Mansion, Ranga Rao Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004
Phone: +91 98860 57709

From Page One

Assets case: HC stays CBI probe against DKS

The order was passed after advocate for Mr. Shivakumar complained that the CBI was summoning him and his family members again and again for questioning, and a notice was issued recently, keeping an eye on the upcoming elections.

The court directed the investigation officer to submit a report on the status of the probe and adjourned further hearing on the petition.

Mr. Shivakumar had filed the petition on July 28, 2022, questioning the legality of registration of the first information report (FIR) by the CBI in October, 2020, under Section 13(2) and 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Earlier, CBI special public prosecutor (SPP) P. Prasanna Kumar clarified to the court that neither Mr. Shivakumar nor his family members were issued notice for questioning as the recent notice was issued only to the principal of the college, which is managed by members of the Mr. Shivakumar’s family. The SPP also pointed out that the investigation was nearing completion and there was no need for staying the probe at this stage while assuring the court that neither Mr. Shivakumar nor his family members would be summoned for questioning at present, in view of upcoming elections to the State Assembly.

Tributes paid to Siddeshwar Swami, B.K.S. Verma, others

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly paid tributes to Jnana Yogashrama head Siddeshwar Swami, singer Vani Jairam, and artist B.K.S. Verma who died recently.

Tributes were also paid to the former Minister Heggappa Deshappa Lamani, former MLAs L.T. Thimmappa Hegde and Shivananda Ambadagatti, and educationist M.L. Panduranga Shetti. An obituary motion was moved by Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri and a minute’s silence observed.

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Ballari
No.PWD/EE/Bly/TS-4/2022-23 **Date : 09-02-2023.**

Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Bellary invites the tenders for the work detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through e-procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded from the web-site http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions, tenderers can view in e-procurement portal **TABLE**

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
	3054-Deposit Grants (Tribal Welfare Department) :	
1)	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164172	166.55

The Tender Events are as under:
2)Last dates for queries (through e-procurement portal): **17-02-2023 upto 12.00 Hours.**
3)Last date for submission of tenders through e-procurement portal: **21-02-2023 upto 16.00 Hours.** 4)Date and time of opening of Technical Bids: **22-02-2023 at 11.00 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**
DIPR/Ballari/900/KSMCA/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.

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2. Estimated Cost : 68.70 Lakhs (Approx)
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Procurement Officer	Bid ID/Tender reference No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Divisional Head, IDCO, Berhampur	Bid ID/Tender reference no. IDCO:BAM:CIVIL-02/2022-23	13.02.2023 at 17.00 hrs	01.03.2023 up to 17.00 hrs

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.tendersodisha.gov.in and corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and **www.idco.in.**
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Request for Proposal (RfP)
RfP No. /CE/TSIIC/2022-23 dt: 10.02.2023
Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TSIIC), the nodal agency of Government of Telangana for development of industrial infrastructure in the State, invites Request for Proposal (RfP) for "Development of IT Tower at Malakpet, Hyderabad, Telangana, India on Joint Development Basis"
The Request for Proposal (RfP) document can be downloaded from www.tsiic.telangana.gov.in from 13.02.2023.
Last date for submission of Proposals: 09.03.2023, 16.30Hrs (IST).
Sd/- Vice Chairman & Managing Director
Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited
"Parishrama Bhavan", 6th Floor, 5-9-58/B, B. Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, PIN: 500004, Telangana Ph: 23237625, Fax: 040-23240205, Email: vcmd@tsiic.telangana.gov.in
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Ph: 044 23455858 / 23455859, Email: civilsectionmtc@gmail.com, soinfra.findpt@tn.gov.in

INVITATION FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ)

1. Modernization of Bus Depot Cum Terminus of Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited (MTC) at Thiruvanmiyur on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode on DBFOT basis for a concession period of 30 Years.
2. Modernization of Bus Depot Cum Terminus of Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited (MTC) at Vadapalani on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode on DBFOT basis for a concession period of 30 Years.
3. Modernization of Bus Depot of Metropolitan Transpot Corporation (Chennai) Limited (MTC) at Vyasarpadi on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode on DBFOT basis for a concession period of 30 Years.

- The Managing Director, MTC Ltd invites RFQ proposals from applicant for Modernization of Bus Depot Cum Terminus of Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited (MTC) at Thiruvanmiyur, Vadapalani and Vyasarpadi on PPP Mode (DBFOT) basis for a concession period of 30 Years.
- RFQ man be downloaded from the website - https://mtcbus.tn.gov.in or https://tenders.tn.gov.in or may be obtained from the office of the MD, MTC LTD, Chennai - 2.
- A pre-bid meeting for the prospective applicants is scheduled on **28.02.2023** at **15:00 Hours.**
- Proposals complete in all respect must be delivered in the office of Metropolitan Transport Corporation Limited (Chennai), Pallavan House, No 2, Pallavan Salai, Chennai - 600 002 on or before **11.04.2023** at **15.00 Hours.**
- All other details are available in the Request for Qualification (RFQ).
- If any modification, it will be uploaded in the website and the Applicants are requested to go through the website periodically

DIPR/132/Display/2023 Managing Director, MTC

CITY CORPORATION VIJAYAPURA
No/CCV/PWD/EE/DM/TND/E-proc-/2022-23/5059
Dated: 10.02.2023
E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM NOTIFICATION
Executive Engineer, City Corporation Vijayapur invites tenders from eligible tenders registered in KPWD for the**1) 02 works under15th Finance Fund 2022-23, 2) 01 work Corporation 24.10% Fund 2022-23 and 3) 30 works under Corporation Fund**Tenders are called in standard tender document throughE-Procurement portal.For further details visit online web site **https:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.
Last date for Tender submission: 22.02.2023
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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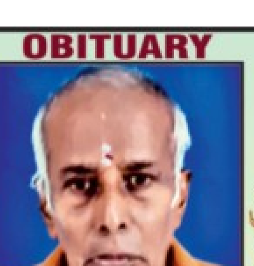

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HC guidelines on commissioners assisting trial courts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has issued a series of guidelines for trial courts on appointing court commissioners to examine various disputed aspects in the civil disputes under the Code of Civil Procedure (CPC) to save time of the courts and streamline the procedure.

Justice Anant Ramanath Hegde issued the guidelines while taking note of the fact that a large number of applications are filed in the suits before the trial courts for appointment of commissioners by involving the Order XXVI Rule 9 of the CPC, which empowers the civil courts to appoint commissioners.

Terming the commissioner's report an "effective tool" available to the court and the parties to the proceeding, the High Court said, "The party to the proceeding may use this tool for proving their case and the court to unravel the mystery surrounding the case."

It said that the discretion to exercise the power under Order XXVI of the CPC is not governed by the form of the suit, and the court can appoint the commissioner in any kind of suit, provided a report of the commissioner under Order XXVI of the CPC is necessary for elucidating the matter in dispute. The power to appoint the commissioner for local inspection or scientific investigation/expert's opinion can be invoked even *suo motu* by the court, the High Court said.

ISRO successfully launches SSLV-D2

The new rocket launch from Sriharikota has put three satellites into a 450 km circular orbit; the satellites are ISRO's Earth Observation Satellite EOS 07, U.S.-based firm Antaris' Janus-1 and Chennai-based space start-up SpaceKidz's AzaadiSAT-2

The Hindu Bureau
SRIHARIKOTA

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched its second developmental flight of a Small Satellite Launch Vehicle – SSLV-D2 – and placed three satellites in precise orbit on Friday.

The three satellites are ISRO's Earth Observation Satellite EOS 07, U.S.-based firm Antaris' Janus-1 and Chennai-based space start-up SpaceKidz's AzaadiSAT-2.

SSLV-D2 lifted off from the first launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre-SHAR, Sriharikota at 9.18 a.m. This is the first satellite launch in 2023.

Mission accomplished: SSLV-D2 taking of from the first launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre-SHAR, Sriharikota, on Friday. R. RAGU

"The SSLV-D2-EOS-07 mission is successfully accomplished," ISRO mentioned on its Twitter handle, a few minutes after the take off. ISRO in a statement said: "The vehicle injected satellites into close to 450 km circular orbit at an inclination of 37.2 degrees. The tracking network took control of EOS-07 satellite. Deployment of the solar panels and the generation of power is confirmed."

ISRO Chairman S. Somanath said, "In its second attempt SSLV-D2 has placed the EOS-07 satellite in its intended orbit very accurately. Two more satellites -Janus-1 and AzaadiSAT-2 were also placed in the required orbit."

The Chairman further said: "SSLV had its maiden flight SSLV-D1 and we had a narrow miss of placing the satellite in the orbit because of a shortfall in velocity. I'm happy to report that we have analysed the problems faced in SSLV-D1, identified the corrective actions and implemented them. We went through lot of studies to ensure that the vehicle will become success this time," he added.

"The orbit achieved by the vehicle today is exceedingly good," Mr. Somanath said.

Small satellite launches schoolgirls' big dreams

Over 750 girls studying in government schools collaborated to create AzaadiSAT-2, which was placed in orbit by SSLV-D2; Chennai-based start-up SpaceKidz, which is behind the project, guided the children in developing the payload

Sangeetha Kandavel
CHENNAI

On Friday, a large group of schoolgirls waiting at India's spaceport in Sriharikota let out screams of joy as the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle – SSLV-D2 – took off. These girls had created payloads for one of the satellites the SSLV-D2 carried.

About 750 girl students from across India were guided to develop the payloads for SpaceKidz India's AzaadiSAT-2, which was placed in orbit by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Friday. SpaceKidz is a Chennai-based aerospace start-up.

Sky is the limit: Students who developed the payloads for SpaceKidz India's AzaadiSAT-2 at Sriharikota.

The girls are from government schools and are studying in Classes 8-12. "Most of these girls come from rural pockets and are economically weak. NITI Aayog helped us identify the 75 government schools from where we picked these students. And this is the first time 750 girl students from rural backgrounds have come together for a project of this scale," said Srimathy Kesan, founder and CEO of SpaceKidz.

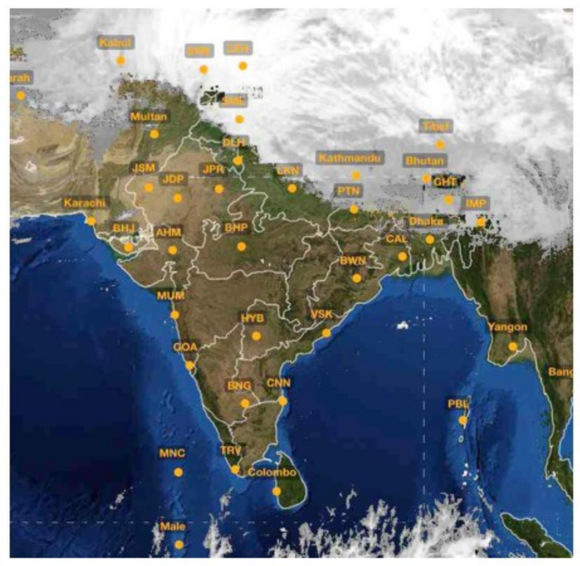
Students from remote locations like Ganderbal in Jammu and Kashmir were also part of the project. "This is a place where incidents of terrorist violence is reported often and students here hardly go to school. Internet is also a concern," Ms. Kesan pointed out. Around 80 girls from Tamil Nadu were also part of the team.

Experiment materials were sent to these girls and they were guided on how to use it. "SpaceKidz developed basic and simple experiments that students can learn and assemble with the simultaneous support of their science teachers," Ms. Kesan said.

To a query on how the start-up managed funding, Ms. Kesan said, "Hexaware has been a major sponsor and a small contribution came in from Lumina Datamatics. Ananth Technologies supported us with the satellite testing,"

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and sub-Himalayan West Bengal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.8	17.8	Kozhikode	—	33.6	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	34.2	12.0	Kurnool	—	35.9	20.1
Aizawl	—	—	10.4	Lucknow	—	30.2	12.1
Allahabad	—	33.2	11.0	Madurai	—	34.2	20.2
Bengaluru	—	31.0	17.0	Mangaluru	—	33.9	23.3
Bhopal	—	—	12.4	Mumbai	—	33.8	19.4
Bhubaneswar	—	34.2	20.2	Mysuru	—	32.5	13.0
Chandigarh	—	27.7	17.7	New Delhi	—	29.7	13.1
Chennai	—	33.6	21.0	Patna	—	28.6	11.4
Coimbatore	—	33.8	19.4	Port Blair	—	31.6	22.3
Dehradun	—	27.2	12.0	Puducherry	—	33.4	19.2
Gangtok	16	9.1	7.5	Pune	—	35.1	15.8
Goa	—	32.4	22.0	Raipur	—	34.2	15.7
Guwahati	—	26.0	14.4	Ranchi	—	30.4	11.1
Hubballi	—	35.0	18.0	Shillong	—	17.2	6.8
Hyderabad	—	34.4	16.9	Shimla	2	15.9	5.6
Imphal	—	24.3	7.9	Srinagar	31	11.8	0.7
Jaipur	—	29.9	13.5	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.4	21.6
Kochi	—	33.2	24.6	Tiruchi	—	32.7	20.6
Kohima	—	18.0	7.8	Vijayawada	—	34.0	21.0
Kolkata	—	30.0	15.2	Visakhapatnam	—	31.5	23.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.13	..13	29	... 224	...202	
Bengaluru	...8	..98	62	 74	...117	
Chennai	.19	..35	49	... 144	...103	
Delhi	.13	108	64	... 357	...227	
Hyderabad	...5	..48	37	... 144	...148	
Kolkata	.10	2	75	... 250	...167	
Lucknow	.23	..87	51	... 247	...169	
Mumbai	.57	254	78	... 367	...200	
Pune	..—	..23	30	... 396	...328	
Visakhapatnam	.10	..41	42	 91	...124	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 367 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 29

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: EEE/MWD/MNG/AEE(O)/5031-36 Date: 07.02.2023

NOTIFICATION

KPTCL requires around 4.00 Acres of land having dimensions of 100Mtr x120Mtr and with approach road of 5 to 7 Mtr width for establishing 1x20MVA, 110/33KV and 2x10MVA, 110/11KV Substation at Kaikara/Olamogaru Village, Puttur Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District, for good quality and un-interrupted power supply to the General Public of the Surrounding Areas. Interested persons are requested to contact the Office of the undersigned along with relevant documents of their land.

Sd/-Executive Engineer(Elecl.), Major Works Division, KPTCL, Kavoor, Mangaluru-15, Ph: 0824-2482452, 0824-2482451.

Government of Karnataka
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS OFFICE , BAGALAKOTE DISTRICT BAGALAKOTE-587103
District Administrative Building, Room No.234 Navanagar
email.id mojini.ddbagalakote1@gmail.com

No:EST/OPS/154/2020-21 Dated:10-02-2023

SHORT-TERM e TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Hiring Man Power Services as Band Javans to this department reg.

Ref: Commissioner, SS & LR Bangalore letter No. SSLR/STR/BJ/46/ /2022-23 Deted:30-12-2022.

With reference to above cited subject, E-Tender is invited from reputed authorized agencies for hiring of services for Band Javan as a survey work assistant with the surveyor to the Bagalakote District survey Department.

Tender documents and related information can be available in the e-procurment portal website http://www.epro.karnataka.gov.in from Date:10-02-2023.Interest firms registered with the center for e-governance and can participate in the bidding process. The last date of submission of proposal is 24-02-2023 5-30 pm.

Sd/-Technical Assistant Deputy Commissioner and Ex-Officio Deputy Director of Land Records Bagalakote

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-871/KSMCA/2022-23

Govt of Karnataka
Executive Engineer, PRE Division, Vijayanagara, Hosapete
No:EE/P.R.E/D/PB-1/Tender/Dif heads/2129/2022-23 Dated:08.02.2023

Short term tender Notification. (Through Government of Karnataka e-procurement)

Karnataka state's behalf of Governor Executive Engineer P.R.E.DivnVijayanagara, Hosapete district has invited the Road and Building civil Min Rs.5.25Lakhs to Max Rs.97.30lakhs works. Invites Short -term tenders as per KTTP-2000 act through e-procurement forthe works Vijayanagara Division under Different heads from the eligible contractor who are registered in PWD Dept. according to the Standard Bid Document KW SBD rules and regulations (As per updating in the web) based on turn-key.

Calendar of events are as follows,

1) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications : Date:15.02.2023 17.00 Hours. 2) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: Date: 17.02.2023. 17.00 Hours. 3) Date & Time for Tech.bid opening of tender : Date: 20.02.2023.11.00Hours

For more information contact,CEG (Government of Karnataka 080-22230960, 22234115or www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and this office(email ID :eepredvijayanagara@gmail.com)

Sd/- EE.PRE.Divn Vijayanagara, Hosapete.
DIPR/Vijayanagar/363/KSMCA/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.
No. EE/PWD/HSN/AE-3/2022-23/ DATED: 09.02.2023.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 30/2022-23, Dated: 09.02.2023

Tender is invited by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-3 & KW-4 from the eligible registered Contractors of Karnataka PWD through E-procurement pertains to 22 Works in Hassan District. The minimum tender amount is Rs. 70.00 lakhs and maximum tender amount Rs. 500.00 lakhs under PWD Hassan Division jurisdiction. Last date of Receipt of tender is 21.02.2023. For more details visit http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Hassan Division, Hassan.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/1066/2022–23

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022
CIN:U40102OR2004SGC007553

TENDER ALERT

1) E-Tender Call Notice No.CPC-35/2022-23: Bids invited in e-tendering mode only under single stage two-biding system for "Procurement of different types of Relays" for Sub-station and EHT Lines.

2)E-Tender Call Notice No.ED-SZ-BAM-07/2022-23: Bids invited in e-tendering mode only under single stage two-biding system for "Deployment of Line Patrolling Personnel in transmission lines" under Southern Zone, Berhampur, at an estimated cost of the package **Rs. 4,73,76,948/-** .

3)E-Tender Call Notice No.ED-SZ-BAM-06/2022-23: Bids invited in e-tendering mode only under single stage two-biding system for " Deployment of Security Personnel in Grid Sub-Stations / Field Offices/ Stores" under Southern Zone, Berhampur, at an estimated cost of the package **Rs.5,39,83,296/-** .

Complete set bidding documents are available at **http://tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** & **http://www.optcl.co.in** .

HIPR-60/2022-23
CAD-4789 OIPR-04011/11/0176/2223

RAJIV GANDHI HOUSING CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Cauvery Bhavan, 9th Floor, C & F Block
K. G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009
Telephone No: 23118888. Email ID: rgrhcladm@gmail.com

No. RGHCL/10/ALC/01/2023 Dated: 08.02.2023

NOTIFICATION

Sub: Empanelment of Advocates

Applications are invited for empanelment of Advocates to represent the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation (RGHCL) and its officers/officials before High Court and other courts and Tribunals in the cases assigned to him/her.

Practicing advocates are eligible for empanelment. The qualification, experience and other terms and conditions have been prescribed by the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation which is available on RGHCL website **https://ashraya.karnataka.gov.in**

Eligible applicants may send their applications in the enclosed proforma along with Curriculum Vitae and relevant supporting documents to the **Managing Director, Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation, Cauvery Bhavan, 9th Floor, C & F, Block, K. G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009 within 15 days** from the date of the advertisement.

Sd/-
General Manager (PI)
DIPR/CP/RO4653/AAPL/2022-23

Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560001.
Ph : 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax : 080-22215602

Tender No: DYES/SSH/136/2022-23 Date: 08.02.2023

Short-term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

According to Karnataka Transparency in public procurement act 1999 and Rules 2000 the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports is inviting tender for the procurement of Sports Training Equipments to Sports Hostels across Karnataka.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD amount
1	Procurement of Sports Training Equipments to Sports Hostels.	Rs.99,99,015/-	Rs.1,99,980/-

The tender should be submitted through E-Procurement Portal (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Vendors need to register in the E-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the E-Procurement Portal.

1) Last date and time for Submission of Tender Documents through E-Procurement Portal: Dt: 23.02.2023 time 16.00 Hrs.
2) Opening of Technical Bid: Dt: 24.02.2023 time 16.30 Hrs.

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/
Deputy Director (Admin) and (Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/CP/4633/AKAR/22-23 **Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹಬ್ಬುವಾಡಾ–ಕಾರವಾರ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ –581 301.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08382–228935 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 229735 e-mail: eerdwsd.uk@gmail.com
ನಂ:ಕಾನಿಇಂ/ಗ್ರಾಕುನಿ&ನೈವಿ/ಕಾರವಾರ/ಟಿಬಿ–1/ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ/JJM/2022–23/2137 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.02.2023

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ/ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ **Standard Tender Document KW-1&2** ನಂತೆ ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು:
(1) INDENT 55257 (2) INDENT 55244 (3) INDENT 55240 (4) INDENT 55235 (5) Indent 55224 (6) INDENT 55438 (7) INDENT 53959 (8) INDENT 53952 (9) INDENT 53800 (10) INDENT 55602 (11) INDENT 55252 (12) INDENT 55256 (13) INDENT 55245
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು: (1) INDENT 55234 (2) INDENT 54172 (3) INDENT 53962, **ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು:** (1) INDENT 55238 (2) INDENT 55605

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಡೌನಲೋಡ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.02.2023 ರಿಂದ 15.02.2023 ರ 16.30 ಘಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (2) ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.02.2023 ರ 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ** (3) ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.02.2023 ರಂದು 17.00 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.** ಉಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು
DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/948/22-23 dt.08.02.2023 ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ (ಉ.ಕ. ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ)

Karnataka Public Work Department
(A Government of KarnatakaEnterprises) O/O Executive Engineer PWD Division, Hosapete, Dist:-Vijayanagara
No:EE/PWD/Dn/Hosapete/TND/2022-23/ 3000 Date:04/02/2023.

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara Dist, for the work notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through Electronic system containing details of EMD through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)	Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
THESE WORKS ARE RESERVE FOR SC CATOGERY					
1	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT161323	5.60	3	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164860	5.42
2	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT160487	8.00			
THIS WORKS IS RESERVE FOR ST CATOGERY					
4	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164758				
GENERAL WORKS					
5	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT161324	6.00	16	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT161711	900.00
6	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT161319	6.81	17	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164309	500.00
7	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164756	2.64	18	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164310	500.00
8	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164861	5.42	19	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164879	206.00
9	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164863	5.61	20	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT154535	400.00
10	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT162155	16.27	21	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT164353	200.00
11	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164858	3.07	22	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT164354	200.00
12	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164862	12.53	23	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163541	110.00
13	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT164878	4.36	24	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163482	115.00
14	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163267	490.00	25	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163537	200.00
15	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT163184	500.00	26	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163481	120.00

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Quiet contest

Nagaland elections are low key, despite demands around statehood, autonomy

Campaigning is languid and politics cold in Nagaland, which is to elect a new Assembly on February 27. Long-pending issues regarding regional autonomy exist around a demand for carving out a State in the eastern region, but Nagaland appears to have achieved a typical equilibrium that hinges on transactional politics. The BJP and its regional partner, the Nationalist Democratic People's Party (NDPP), are continuing with their 2018 seat-sharing formula: contesting 20 and 40 seats, respectively. The Opposition Naga People's Front (NPF) joined the NDPP-BJP government in August 2021 in a 'united push' to solve the vexed "Indo-Naga political issue", a euphemism for the final settlement with extremist groups, primarily the NSCN (Isak-Muivah). Voters, parties and other groups appear to be at peace with the Opposition-devoid arrangement of politics. Of the NPF's 25 MLAs, 21 merged with the NDPP in April 2022, but most were denied a ticket; one moved over to the BJP to become one of its 20 candidates. The Congress, decimated in 2018, has 24 candidates while the once-formidable NPF has named 22 candidates.

Demand for a Frontier Nagaland State remains an issue despite the withdrawal of a poll boycott call by the organisation fighting for it, across six districts in the eastern part of the State encompassing 20 constituencies. The most talked about issue, as in the past elections since 2003, is the peace process with extremist groups. Political ideology has a limited role in Nagaland, and elections are usually fought around personalities and their capacity to project proximity towards the ruling establishment in Delhi. Electoral calculations by groups are made around central funds, which form the foundation of the State's rent-driven political economy. The BJP-NDPP alliance had characterised 2018 as an 'election for solution' to the autonomy question. The Centre signed the Framework Agreement with the NSCN (I-M) in August 2015 and the Agreed Position with the Naga National Political Groups (a federation of seven outfits that have joined the talks), in November 2017 – towards resolving the insurgency, but soon ran into a stalemate over a separate Naga flag and Naga constitution. The extremists have demanded a political settlement before polling, accusing the BJP of betraying Naga trust. The new government will have its hands full.

Pension conundrum

A higher pension may quickly deplete the EPFO resource base

Union Minister for Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav seems to have little to say on the issue of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) allowing sections of subscribers and pensioners to opt for higher pension under the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995. With the four-month period fixed by the Supreme Court in November last year set to lapse soon for those who were in service as on September 1, 2014 to exercise the option, his observation that the Court's directions, which have "legal, financial, actuarial and logistical implications", are under examination, has not been reassuring. The issue of allowing higher pension – pension proposed in the event of employers making 12% mandatory PF contributions on employees' actual pay that exceeds the statutory ceiling – has been bothering the PF establishment almost from the start. Adopting actuarial principles for ensuring long-term financial viability, the Pension Scheme is funded by the transfer of 8.33 percentage points out of the 12% PF contributions by employers coupled with the central government's contribution of 1.16% of the monthly wages that do not go beyond ₹15,000. Opposition to the higher pension is around the projected actuarial deficit in the valuation of PF, lower returns on investments and increasing pensioner longevity. The EPFO top brass feels that higher pension may deplete the resource base in no time. The PF establishment has every reason to feel concerned but what has not helped its case is the proviso – paragraph 11 (3) of the pre-amended rules of the EPS – allowing for such requests to be entertained.

Even in September 2014, when the proviso was removed and amendments made to the EPS's rules, the concept of higher pension was not abolished. Instead, the amendments provided 12 months for employees and employers to exercise the joint option. This is why sections of pensioners are justified in their demand for higher pension, as their employers had, during their service period, made contributions on their actual pay which had exceeded the statutory ceiling. But, the authorities, while providing an online option for pre-2014 retirees to exercise the option, have sought to mirror the conditions in *Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation* (a battle for higher pension that began over 15 years ago). Such an approach goes against the spirit of the Court's 2022 judgment, which was based on the 2016 verdict of the Court, as the two judgments are for eligible pensioners to reap the benefit. What has added injury to insult is the EPFO's circular (January) re-opening the cases of higher pension after 2016, and initiating recovery proceedings. The government and the EPFO must explain to the stakeholders the genuine difficulties in implementing the Court's directions. Bureaucratic shortsightedness and compliance difficulties around simplistic legal directives have raised hopes as well as triggered anxieties among pensioners and those nearing retirement.

India's law and order matrix needs a reboot

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The annual All India Conference of Directors General/Inspectors General of Police which was held recently, witnessed a departure from the past, when some aspects that were discussed found their way into the public domain. This led to an element of controversy over the management of certain issues, specially on the border, but little else. In its present form, the DGPs/IGPs conference is a relatively new construct (1980), superseding the earlier annual conference of Heads of Intelligence and CIDs of different States. The latter conference used to deal mainly with the nitty-gritty of police work, *viz.*, intelligence, crime and criminal investigation, technology and the forensic aspects, while the conference now additionally deals with a host of other issues including Policy and personnel matters.

In-depth discussion is taking a hit

The proliferation of subjects up for discussion in recent conferences, and the presence of increasing numbers of delegates to cover the various subjects leave little scope for any in-depth discussion. Today's security threats have an all-embracing character and there is a crying need for in-depth discussions on futuristic themes in policing, such as cyber crime, the dark web, crypto, maritime security, the threat from drones, and also problems stemming from an unchecked social media. These are in addition to subjects such as left-wing extremism, counter-terrorism, drug trafficking and border issues. Lack of adequate time to discuss these matters in detail tend to undermine both the quality of the debates and possible outcomes.

Admittedly, we may not be standing today at the beginning of history, but the evolving security scenario is producing a myriad of internal and external challenges. As the 21st century advances, security problems will grow at an exponential rate. Their dimensions are as yet unclear, but what is already evident is that the emerging challenges would require greater innovativeness and agility as well as a demonstration of newer cognitive skills to meet the challenges posed by swift technological change and the rise of data war fighting. Hence, decision making in these circumstances needs to undergo fundamental changes, entailing more purposive discussion at higher levels.

Law and order management today would be a good starting point in this context. This subject may appear rather mundane in a world dominated by technology; but what it currently demands is a combination of newer skills, in both technology and crowd management, which are not readily available among security agencies. The attention of most security forces in the country has essentially been devoted to ongoing threats such as terrorism, which has resulted in law and order management being put on the back burner. Managing today's angry, and often unruly, mobs requires a fresh set of skills and inherent abilities, apart from mere technology. A heavy-handed approach tends to create more problems than they solve. Any approach of this kind only leads to a catastrophic divide between law enforcement agencies and the public, at a time when newer practices and skills are the proper answer.

> With the evolving security scenario resulting in complex challenges, the nature of the security discourse as well as ground techniques have to be improved

Hence, much more is clearly required than simply reiterating that technology, including artificial intelligence, can provide answers to a host of problems that exist. Understanding the psychology of agitating mobs and, in turn making them realise the dangers of their own predilections before matters get out of hand, is not an innate, but an acquired skill. This needs better attention.

Police and security agencies, must consequently, be provided with the right attributes, and for which they need to be adequately trained. This would call for a top down approach, as there would be considerable competition of resources from within the agencies for other items such as advances in weaponry and technology. It would be required even more, to secure acceptance of utilitarian aspects of any such move.

Pay attention to selection, skills

The selection of personnel to security agencies, especially the police, also will require a total makeover. The 21st century is proving to be vastly different from the 20th century, and the choice of personnel to man security agencies requires more high-level attention than has been devoted to this task. Most of the debate on this subject has been outside, rather than within the police forces, and the higher echelons of the forces have not spent enough time in determining what can and needs to be done. The police forces must mirror the kind of society we live in today, and must be capable of dealing with today's modern antagonists. The latter often employ a variety of tactics and skills, and use common imagery to keep track of developing situations, including on social media and Twitter. For the police and security forces, this means that more than the mere acquisition of new skills, they must develop a different mind set, including that force cannot be the answer to every situation.

Technological advances worldwide have meant that the human skills of security agencies need to be suitably tailored to a world in which the Internet, social media and other breakthroughs, often provide protestors and agitators an upper hand, and often detrimental to law and order. This has given rise to the importance of 'Open Source intelligence' that is often neglected by security agencies. The proper utilisation of Open Source intelligence could well become the critical factor in managing many law and order situations today. A vast gap exists at present between the need, and on how best to utilise information from open sources.

An added problem, apart from the existing cauldron of events, incidents and situations, is the presence of multiple security agencies, including intelligence and investigative agencies, who seldom act with a common purpose. Their techniques and methodologies tend to be different, often leading to contradictions in approach. While the proliferation of agencies was intended to create specialised agencies for special requirements, this has not happened. Far from easing the burden of individual agencies, they often hinder proper analysis and investigation.

'Small is beautiful'

Hence, what is clear is that there is a very real need to take a hard look at not only improving the nature of the security discourse – in regard to the range and varieties of threats – but also on how to bring about changes in regard to intelligence techniques, investigative methodologies, improving the ground situation, etc. Conventional wisdom would suggest that an apex level meeting of DGPs/IGPs would provide the necessary direction and policy imperatives. The reality is that too broad a sweep, both in terms of the subjects discussed, as well as in the numbers present, tends to affect the quality of the discourse even among dedicated professionals. Meaningful discussions cannot occur when the size of the conference inhibits detailed and frank discussion even in a professional atmosphere. Here, as in many other aspects of life, 'small is beautiful'.

In short order, it can be said that there is a case for splitting the annual conference of DGPs/IGPs into two separate conferences – a higher level conference of DGPs/IGPs to discuss policy related issues, and a separate conference to be held of intelligence and security specialists (IGs/CID) to discuss the finer points of methodology, techniques and acquisition of new skills for current and future problems. Outcomes would then become more relevant to current and future security needs.

In scholarly peer-review, discard bath water, keep baby

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The chief output of scientists' labours are articles published in peer-reviewed journals. A scholar submits a manuscript to a journal of her choice, and the journal editor sends it out to scholars familiar with the subject matter of the manuscript for their expert opinion.

This peer-review often consists of a summary of the manuscript's contents, followed by a catalogue of all that is right or wrong with the manuscript, ending with a recommendation to accept or reject. If the recommendation is to accept, there are usually suggestions for revising the manuscript to make it more suitable for that journal.

The bedrock of knowledge production

Pre-publication peer-review is the bedrock of modern scientific knowledge production. Peer-reviewed articles are not flawless but being peer-reviewed is a necessary condition for the paper's contents to be considered part of the collective knowledge base. The reviewers are almost always unknown to the authors. That all authors, however senior or famous, accept judgments of their work by unknown individuals is a testimony to the democratic nature of modern science.

Reviewing is almost always voluntary, with no financial remuneration and little academic recognition. It is remarkable to have scholars willing to devote their time with no direct returns to themselves, with the knowledge that their collective efforts sustain modern science – rendered more so when we consider the magnitude of the effort.

A report published in 2015 estimated that there were some 28,100 active scholarly peer-reviewed journals in the English language, publishing some 2.5 million articles per year. That number is expected to have grown annually at about 4%-5%, but let us stick with the conservative estimate of 2.5 million.

> There are identifiable faults with practical solutions, but journals make little effort to fix them and sustain what is a rare example of collective altruism

Articles are seldom published by the first journal to which they are submitted. Very conservatively, let us say the average article is published on the second attempt. Each submission elicits two or more peer-reviews, leading to a total of more than 10 million peer-reviews. Even if a peer-review takes only about two hours (I usually take longer) of a reviewer's time, that amounts to 20 million hours of work annually by scholars for the welfare of their community and the cause of science.

We must all cherish and nurture this rare example of collective human altruism that the peer-review system represents. Nevertheless, there are frequent grumblings about the fairness of this system and occasional ill-advised calls to dismantle it. Not surprisingly, these emanate from authors who get an unfair proportion of rejections.

There are clearly identifiable faults with the peer-review system but often with very practical solutions.

Issues that need to be fixed

Yet, surprisingly, journals make little effort to fix the minor problems plaguing the system and sustain this mammoth effort by scholars.

Perhaps the most serious is the real or perceived bias of reviewers based on the address, reputation (or lack thereof), gender or ethnicity of the author or conflicts of interest between author and reviewer. Such bias is probably very common, but it can be easily mitigated by anonymising both the reviewer and the author. Most journals fail to implement such a double-blind peer-review system.

A second way to mitigate bias is for the editor to play a more active role in adjudicating disputes between authors and reviewers. The norm, however, is for the editor to assume the reviewer is always right and the author always wrong, even though authors and reviewers regularly exchange roles. The reviewer is erroneously called a 'referee' when it is the editor who should play the role of an unbiased referee and mediate between authors and reviewers.

Authors are also to blame for the ills of the peer-review system. It is routine practice to send articles to the most prestigious journals and have them rejected by successive journals before they find their natural home. This practice inflates the work of reviewers and journal editors and allows journals to flaunt high rejection rates as a mark of their prestige.

The root cause for this maladaptive behaviour is that scholars are usually assessed by the names of the journals in which they publish rather than the contents of their articles. It is mind-boggling that the scientific community – representing the epitome of reason and logic – can adopt such an irrational procedure to evaluate members of their community.

The peer-review system can thus be significantly reformed by adopting double-blind reviews, editors playing the role of unbiased referees and evaluations of scholars being based on reading the articles rather than admiring the covers of the journals in which they are published. It will be a shame to let the peer-review system, a rare example of human goodness, die of neglect.

The real villains of the system, however, are the commercial publishers who exploit the altruism of the reviewers (worth 20 million hours of work annually) and make large profits, shamelessly making even the reviewers pay to read the very papers they have reviewed and recommended publication.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In the Upper House

It is unfortunate that the Prime Minister turned the august house of Parliament into an election campaign (Page 1, February 10). Certain remarks made about the first Prime Minister of India were jarring. There are many fronts on which the government of the day has failed. '*Achhe din*' is still a dream. The Prime Minister must ensure that '*roti, kapada aur makkan*' must reach all.

A. Jainulabdeen,
Chennai

In another year, the top leader will complete his second term, so when he repudiates the past to claim originality in development, he is also repudiating the achievements of leaders such as Morarji Desai and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

It is time the Prime Minister saw himself as a statesman, who is, in most respects, the opposite of a politician.

N. Sadhasiva Reddy,
Bengaluru

The Prime Minister has levelled a strange allegation in the Rajya Sabha — that none of Nehru's descendants used the Nehru surname (February 10). Well, Nehru's only daughter married Feroze Gandhi. Their sons took the surname of their father, and so it continues. One wonders what other context it was the leader had in mind. Had Nehru had a son, his descendants would have used the surname of 'Nehru'. However, the main point is that the spotlight is on the meteoric rise of a certain businessman and his group, where the perception is that this was made possible on account of the businessman's 'close links' with the country's leader. Instead of squarely facing the accusations, the Prime Minister appeared to have been resorting to diversionary steps. There seems to be a personal hostility towards Nehru and his descendants.

Israel K. Mani,
Wellington, The Nilgiris

The Opposition, and the Congress in particular, has only itself to blame. These parties walk into the trap every time only to face severe verbal decimation. They should be wise not to take on the Prime Minister who has a record of achievements that the country can be proud of.

S. Venkataraman,
Hyderabad

Appointment of judges

One wonders why Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer's name was brought in to justify the appointment of L. Victoria Gowri in the Madras High Court ("Letters to the Editor", February 10). The universality of Justice Krishna Iyer's values invited respect even from his worst critics. It will be no exaggeration at all to say, without meaning disrespect to others, that the higher judiciary experienced and saw its zenith during Justice Krishna Iyer's period.

N.G.R. Prasad,
Chennai

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Relatives of two persons who were arrested as part of the crackdown against child marriage break down outside a police station in Morigaon district of Assam. RITU RAJ KONWAR

The battle against child marriage

Assam cracks down on child marriage, but activists and health workers seek an all-round approach from education of girls to awareness campaigns to stop the practice, reports **Rahul Karmakar**

For the first time in more than two decades, a police team from the Ulukunchi outpost came asking questions at Birsingi, a village in Assam's West Karbi Anglong district. The visit on February 4 made the hill-dwelling Tiwa tribal people analyse *gobhiya thaka*, a kind of live-in relationship a few of them still practise.

Birsingi is about 110 km east of Guwahati. "The police came with records of teenage pregnancy and delivery from the Umpanai health subcentre nearby. It made us think seriously about our practice and when a girl child is old enough to choose to live with her partner," Dilip Timung, a village elder, said. The police inquiry pertained to a non-local teenage girl who had come to stay with a relative during childbirth.

In adjoining Morigaon district's Kasakhila village, aerially 60 km northwest of Birsingi, 17-year-old Mamoni Biswas (name changed) wished she had listened to her parents to wait till her Class 12 exams to be with her boyfriend Prasenjit Mandal. About nine months ago, she skipped school near her village and walked 3 km to daily-wager Prasenjit's house. They were later married at a local temple.

On February 3, the police picked up 23-year-old Prasenjit leaving a pregnant Mamoni distraught and her mother-in-law worried about her son's future. "I still don't understand why my son has been arrested for marrying the girl he loves," she said.

At No. 2 Kosutoli in Morigaon district, almost equidistant from Birsingi and Kasakhila, Hafiz Mujibur Rahman has become the most hated person overnight. The local *kazi* or civil judge following the Muslim personal law, he has been absconding since the Assam Police launched the crackdown against child marriage on February 3.

"My brother, Badrul Hasan, was arrested five days ago because the *kazi* erred ... registered his wife's age wrongly. And he took ₹7,000 for the *nikaah* to put us in trouble," Monjul Hasan, a commercial vehicle driver, said.

The 22-year-old Badrul, also a driver, had eloped with the girl he loved almost a year ago. His family got in touch with the girl's parents in the neighbouring Samatapathar village, traced the runaway couple and made the girl return home as she was a couple of months shy of turning 18. The two were reunited after she was 15 days past the official age of adulthood. "But the *kazi* not only got her name wrong, he put a wrong birth date that made her a minor by two days. He has fudged dates of a few others in the village too. If the police don't get him, we will," Monjul said.

The police arrested 17 men from No. 2 Kosutoli and Samatapathar. They included the husbands of minor girls and their fathers.

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>
> **A MOTHER**

Planned exercise

Announcing the crackdown on February 2, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the police had collected data for three years from 2020 and registered 4,074 cases across the State. He said the drive against child marriage since 2022 was demonstrative, indicating that the offenders could be released on bail soon.

Assam's Director-General of Police, Gyanendra Pratap Singh, said the exercise was planned after the Chief Minister sought action against large-scale child marriages two months ago. Singh said the shake-up was bound to have some social cost, but the State government has directed the District Magistrates and the Social Welfare Department to take care of the girls married off at a young age, with some of them already having given birth.

Till February 9, the police had arrested 2,763 persons, 58 of them from within the urban limits of Guwahati. More than 80 of the arrested for abetment were women. The Chief Minister cited the National Family Health Survey-5 report for 2019-21 to justify the drive against child marriage. The report said in India, 23.3% of women aged 20-24 years were married before the age of 18, a drop from 27% in 2015-16. While West Bengal, Bihar and Tripura topped the list with 40% of such cases, Assam clocked 31.8%.

Seeking the cooperation of the people in "controlling this harmful trend", the Chief Minister said the fight against the "social crime" of child marriage would continue till the 2026 Assembly election. "Teenage pregnancy accounted for 16.8% of more than 6.2 lakh pregnancies in Assam in 2022. We have to continue the drive until the objective is fulfilled," he said.

In Kamrup district's Pub Naitor village, about 115 km west of No. 2 Kosutoli, village defence party (VDP) member Taijuddin Sheikh had his second brush with the law when the police arrested his elder brother, Tajmohal Hoque, after not finding the latter's son, Jubbar, at home. Jubbar was arrested on February 3 under Sections 6 (sexual assault) and 17 (punishment for abetment) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, read with relevant sections of the Prevention of Child Marriage (PCMA) Act, 2006 for marrying a 17-year-old girl four months ago.

"We erred in not checking documents when the girl's parents said she was a *praptabayashka* (adult). We should have learnt a lesson when a neighbour dragged me to court in 2021 for marrying off our allegedly minor niece, whose documents convinced the judge that she was not a minor," Taijuddin, a farmer, said.

Many in Pub Naitor protested when the police arrested Tajmohal and two others in separate cases. The murmurs began dying down when the villagers learnt that "we were not the only ones on the receiving end". The situation has been similar further west in Dhubri, a district often equated with alleged "illegal immigration" from adjoining Bangladesh because of a Muslim population of 79.67% (Census 2011). "We arrested 182 people from February 3-9, and there has been no law and order issue after the initial outburst. In fact, the people are now informing us about child marriages in their areas and cases are being registered accordingly," Dhubri's Superintendent of Police, Aparna Natarajan, said.

A woman (face blurred) waits outside a police station. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Detained in transit camps

All those arrested in Dhubri and elsewhere in the Brahmaputra Valley have been sent to judicial custody at the Matia transit camp in Goalpara which was set up for housing up to 3,000 people declared foreigners by designated courts. In southern Assam's Barak Valley, the premises of the National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project have been turned into a temporary prison for child marriage offenders.

"Since January 2017, when we took a resolution to make awareness against child marriage at all meetings, we have stopped 3,631 child marriages with the help of the local authorities. We have also put *kazis* behind bars and taken action against one of our leaders accused of indulging in child marriage," Minnatul Islam, general secretary of the All Assam Minority Students' Union, said.

'Execution should have been better'

Rejaul Karim Sarkar, the union's president, said members of the organisation have endured attacks and abuses for trying to campaign against child marriages and stop them. "This is a much-needed drive but the execution could have been better with a plan in place, ensuring girls under 18 years are not considered a burden for the poor.

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> President, AAMSU

Many are clueless about laws of any kind," he said. He also said the move would have been more effective had action been taken against police and other departmental officials in areas where child marriages are reported. "Otherwise, the exercise may boomerang and be prone to politicisation," he said.

Aminul Islam, general secretary of the minority-based All India United Democratic Front, insisted they have not been politicising or communalising the drive. "We want child marriages to stop, but the action with retrospective effect is affecting lives," he said.

Questions have also been raised over categorising the girls married off into two groups – below 14 years and from 14-18 years – for booking the people involved under the POCSO Act and the PCMA respectively. "As we understand, no such categorisation is possible under POCSO, especially after the Supreme Court's judgment of October 2017 upholding every girl's right to bodily dignity and ruling that sexual intercourse by a man with his wife who is below 18 years is rape," Rafiqul Islam of the Barpeta-based Campaign Against Child Marriage said.

Legal experts are raising questions about how the court would interpret the implementation, particularly in the case of Muslims who follow the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act of 1937 and the Assam Moslem Marriages and Divorces Registration Act of 1935, which do not bar girls under 18 years from getting married.

"There may be no complications for Hindus, Christians and people of other faiths as far as PCMA is concerned. The PCMA is not a settled law and is subject to interpretation by the court in the case of Muslims for whom the personal law is applicable. What if a boy arrested under PCMA goes to court saying as a Muslim, he is an adult under the Shariat law to marry? The court's view would be interesting since we do not have a uniform civil code," Fazluzzaman Mazumder, a Gauhati High Court lawyer, said. The Supreme Court is slated to examine whether girls as young as 15 can enter into wedlock if their personal law allows it but is an offence in statutory law. In India, the legal age for marriage is 18 years for women and 21 years for men. A parliamentary standing committee is also deliberating on the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021 which sought to amend the PCMA to increase the minimum age of marriage for women to 21 years.

Stopping child marriage

Rafiqul Islam said child marriage is prevalent among many communities in Assam but is higher among the predominantly Muslim dwellers of the *chars* (shifting sandbars in the Brahmaputra) and the Adivasi tea plantation workers divided into Hindus and Christians.

"Our sustained efforts to advise people against child marriage for more than a decade may have stopped social ceremonies, but led to formalities indoors, often disguised as family get-togethers. What we wanted for years found a shortcut through the Chief Minister but the hard approach should go alongside softer measures such as ensuring livelihood and the Right to Education from Class 8 to Class 12 so that girls are not forced to drop out of schools," he said.

Binod Deka, a social worker based in Morigaon district's Mayong, agreed. "I think people will take us more seriously now," he said.

Convincing tea plantation workers has been an uphill task, admitted Mansuk Sankharika, publicity secretary of the Baksa district unit of the All-Adivasi Students Association of Assam. "Earlier, the police did not act upon complaints. Things seem to have changed after a 16-year-old pregnant girl was taken to a shelter home and the parents of her absconding husband, living in the Fatehabad Tea Estate, were jailed. Hopefully, the fear factor would help us do our awareness programmes with more authority," he said.

Child rights activists said the crackdown did not happen in a day although the initial mass outrage could not have been avoided given the scale of the social malaise and the sudden impact on lives. They point to the Arundhati scheme the Assam government launched in 2020 entailing 1 *tola* (11.66 grams) of gold to brides belonging to all communities provided they have attained the legal age of 18 years through verification of birth certificate and medical examination, and their marriage is registered. The scheme was for people with an annual income of below ₹5 lakh.

"The drive has without doubt set accountability to the law, but child marriage does not happen only because the law does not respond to you. There have been cases of 70-year-old men marrying minors but it is important to note that the reason behind child marriage in most cases is romantic relationships that families often do not accept for fear of earning social shame. There should be conversations around the causes of child marriage and effects of the action against it with communities," Miguel Das Queah, child rights activist and founder of Universal Team for Social Action and Help, said.

Sunita Changkakati, Chairperson of the Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, blamed most of the recent cases on access to mobile phones for online learning during the COVID-19 lockdown. Child marriage cases increased with boys and girls first meeting on social media platforms.

"A strong message needed to be sent but the scenario is worse than the data the police are armed with because many cases of child marriage go unreported and there is also the issue of teenage abortions. The crackdown would not have been necessary had the stakeholders – the district child protection officer under the Social Welfare Department, police, doctors, health workers, panchayat leaders, village headmen and public representatives – worked in coordination. A system taken for granted has been jolted; we need to sustain it through coordination," she said.

From Page One

SC calls for SEBI reply over Adani stock fall

Chief Justice Chandrachud said the stock market was no longer a place for just "high value investors" to dabble in.

"It is also a place now where a whole wide spectrum of the middle class are investing due to changes in the financial and tax regimes... There is a need for circuit-breakers here," the CJI told Mr. Mehta.

The Solicitor General said the market took a plunge on "something" that happened outside, beyond the jurisdiction of the SEBI.

"That report [Hindenburg] was the trigger point," Mr. Mehta submitted.

"Stock market goes entirely by sentiment... What we want to look into is whether we have a robust mechanism in place to protect Indian investors... How do we ensure that what happened does not happen again in the future?" Chief Justice Chandrachud said.

The court, on Mr. Mehta's submission, recorded that the SEBI was "closely monitoring the situation and continues to do so". The Supreme Court clarified in its order that its observations should not be construed as a reflection on the SEBI or other statutory authorities.

Complete analysis

The court asked the SEBI to submit a note by Monday detailing the legal and factual aspects of the existing regulatory framework for the securities market. The market regulator could also give a complete analysis of its powers and even suggest whether it needed to grow more teeth to deal with the "new world" of seamless capital movement.

If the Centre wanted, the court said it could even consider constituting an expert committee of domain experts in banking and securities along with a former judge to act as a "wise guiding force".

The court made it clear that it did not want to encroach into the policy domain. It would tread carefully, keeping a wary eye against causing any upsets in the stock market.

The court listed the case for February 13.

The Bench was hearing separate petitions filed by advocates Vishal Tiwari and M.L. Sharma for an investigation into Hindenburg Research's report.

Resources for States raised sharply: Minister

"Any such allegation will be given back in the same language. I'm sorry I cannot afford to have this kind of language," the Minister remarked during the debate on the Budget in the Lok Sabha.

On West Bengal MPs' claims that GST Compensation dues of ₹823 crore are pending, Ms. Sitharaman said she was stunned at the facts. "The GST Compensation claims with certificates from the Accountant General (AGs) haven't come from West Bengal since 2017-18. Then what should I do? Without the AG's certificate, how can I pay?," she asked.

"We are told repeatedly that the Centre doesn't pay West Bengal its dues. We are ready to pay the dues but at least follow the due process," Ms. Sitharaman averred, adding that the State also owes the Centre ₹1,841 crore as dues for availing the help of Central Armed Police Forces.

The Congress did not participate in the Budget debate in the Rajya Sabha later in the day, protesting the suspension of senior MP Rajani Patil.

Industrial output rise moderates to 4.3%

Yet, overall manufacturing levels were 4.7% higher on a sequential basis and the Manufacturing index component of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) hitting the highest level since March 2022.

On the basis of end-use, four of six sub-sectors – primary goods, capital goods, infrastructure and construction goods, and consumer non-durables – recorded a rise in the range of 7% to 8% in December 2022, partly aided by weaker growth numbers a year ago.

However, Consumer durables output slipped into contraction again, slipping a sharp 10.4% in December 2022, from a 1.9% contraction a year ago. After three months of contraction, consumer durables had rebounded in November to grow 5.2% year-on-year. December's output was 2.2% lower than November 2022 and marked the second worst production level in 13 months.

"The negative growth in consumer durables means that the pent-up demand seen during festival season has weaned off," said Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis, noting that the consumer non-durables grew 7.2% over a low base of 0.3% in December 2021.

Intermediate goods production shrank 0.3% in December 2022 compared to a 1% growth in December 2021, but was 3.6% over November's levels, with total output at its highest level since May 2022.

"On the whole, the infra-related industries are showing good traction while it is volatile for consumer goods... Firms have also been raising prices of their products which will come in the way of demand as will the series of interest rate hikes invoked by the Reserve Bank of India," he said, projecting growth to remain "narrowly focussed rather than broad based" in last quarter of 2022-23.

Our govt. doesn't indulge in vote-bank politics: FM

Everything is distributed to every Indian citizen who is eligible, she says; PM's clear focus on *Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas* means inclusive development and no one is to be removed, says Sitharaman

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday invoked the 1983 Nellie massacre in Assam, while Indira Gandhi was in power at the Centre, the mass killing of Sikhs in 1984 and the torment of Hindu saints protesting against cow slaughter outside Parliament in 1966, in a bid to counter Opposition criticism about reductions in Budget allocations for the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

The Ministry's Budget allocation for 2023-24 fell 38% in comparison to the previous year. The Opposition has also been protesting against the decision to scrap several scholarship programmes for minority students and reduce funds for others.

Stressing that the Narendra Modi-led NDA government does not engage in "vote-bank politics", Ms. Sitharaman reiterated points flagged by Minority Affairs Minister Smriti Irani on Twitter that students of all communities were covered under fellowship schemes run by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and the University Grants Commission, as well as the Ministries of Social Justice and Empowerment and Tribal Affairs.

Money matters: Nirmala Sitharaman speaking in the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament, in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

"Our New India and our PM's clear focus on *Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas* means inclusive development and no one is to be removed. Whoever is eligible will get it, that's how gas or houses or toilets or water was distributed to everybody. We didn't discriminate. Everything is distributed to every Indian citizen who's eligible," she asserted.

Countering Congress MP Adhir Chowdhary, whom she said had "expressed a lot of concern" about lower allocations for minority affairs and talked "very emotionally" to allege that the government was against a community, Ms. Sitharaman said: "I felt very sad and want to humbly state that the allocation has not gone down in the Budget."

"I would like to remember a few pages of history and ask questions. I want to ask, after giving a good number in the Budget, if a community is massacred that year, even after the Election Commission says, 'don't hold an election at the time', where that community's blood had also not dried – who went to Nellie and held an election? Congress party's leader, Srimati Indira Gandhi," she asserted.

"In that year's Budget, much allocation was made but public killings also took place of that community in Nellie, Assam. Will they reply on this or not? If you like that community and are protecting them, then how did this occur? If you have so much love for that community, then in Delhi, wearing tyres around their necks, who massacred Sikhs? Was the Budget allocation low?" she asked.

'Not linked to Budget'

Urging Opposition members not to assign hate or love for a community based on Budget allocations, Ms. Sitharaman asked: "When you massacred them, what was their Budget allocation? In Delhi, in 1966, if anti-cow slaughter demonstrators and Hindu *sanyasis* protesting outside Parliament were beaten up, who did that? It was this very Congress party," she asserted towards the end of her defence of the Union Budget in the Lok Sabha.

"So are we hating a community because of Budget allocations? Absolutely not. *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayaas*. (Development for all, with trust and effort from all). This is my answer to those who do this drama," Ms. Sitharaman concluded.

Budget discriminates against minorities, say Opposition MPs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Friday said the Union Budget had "brutally discriminated" against the minorities as far as allocations were concerned even as he reiterated his party's demand for an inquiry by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) or a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the Hindenburg report on the Adani Group. The BJP members, on the other hand, termed the Budget progressive.

"Muslims have a 15% share in the population, but in this Budget, along with the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, they have been brutally discriminated against," he said during the discussion on the Union Budget in the Lok Sabha.

Reduced allocation

The budgetary allocation for the Minority Affairs Ministry has been reduced by over 38% to ₹3,097.60 crore for 2023-24 as compared with the previous fiscal year. The Budget allocation for 2022-23 was ₹5,020.50 crore. However, the Revised Estimate was ₹2,612.66 crore, as per documents, he said.

He said many minority groups had expressed concern about the fund cuts in the Budget and viewed it as "another in a series of Islamophobic policy decisions" of the government.

"There are several things happening against Muslims in the country. The State I come from (West Bengal) has the maximum number of Muslims after Uttar Pradesh. When steps should be taken to uplift them, I don't know why the government targets them like this."

Similar views were expressed by All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) member Badruddin Ajmal who said the "Budget has nothing for the minorities".

The BJP members, however, said the Budget was pro-poor and progressive. BJP member Tejasvi Surya said Karnataka had benefited the most from budgetary allocations under the Modi government with improved road, rail and air connectivity in the State.

Another BJP member, Kirit Solanki, said the Union Budget was pro-people and addressed concerns of every section of society, while BJP's Sunita Duggal said India had emerged as a bright star in the world economy. "We are successful in keeping inflation low due to Aatmanirbhar Bharat," Ms. Duggal said.

Expunging Adani comments won't erase allegations: Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Members of the Congress and some other Opposition parties staged a walkout in the Rajya Sabha on Friday after Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge was not allowed to speak in the House. Mr. Kharge wanted to raise the issue of portions of his speech being expunged by the Chair, but Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar pointed out that he could not read the remarks that had already been removed from the record.

Earlier, Leader of the House Piyush Goyal said Mr. Kharge should first apologise on behalf of the entire Opposition for his remarks, which created an uproar on Thursday during the Prime Minister's reply to the debate in the Rajya Sabha to the Motion of Thanks to the President for her address to the joint sitting of Parliament.

Addressing a press conference later, Mr. Kharge said, "Expunging my comments on the Adani Group will not erase the allegations." He read out portions of his expunged speech and accused the Narendra Modi-led government of exerting undue pressure on the presiding officers of both Houses of Parliament to scuttle the issue.

Pertinent questions

"Is it a crime to demand a probe by a Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Adani Group considering the people who have investments in SBI and LIC are deeply worried with the group's market share dipping alarmingly after the Hindenburg revelations?," he said.

"Shouldn't the falling value of LIC's money, invested in Adani's companies, be questioned?" asked Mr. Kharge. "Shouldn't questions be asked about the ₹82,000 crore loan given to Adani by SBI and other banks? Shouldn't questions be asked as to why ₹525 crore of LIC and SBI were invested in the Adani FPO despite more than 32% fall in Adani's shares?

There are many such questions, he said, in the minds of the Indian investors. "Is it wrong to ask whether Modi*ji* helped secure contracts for Adani in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh while acting as his agent?" he asked.

Mr. Kharge added that when speaking about the meteoric increase in Mr. Adani's wealth, he had backed his comments with statistics. "They objected to this too. We get the information from the newspapers, TV and the public, now we are told to authenticate everything," he said.

'Paralysed agencies'

What is the reason, he asked, that all regulatory authorities such as the RBI, the SEBI and investigating agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate, Income Tax department and the CBI seemed to be "paralysed" and not investigating the allegations which are in the public domain.

Mr. Kharge added, "The phrase *Mauni Baba* (silent seer) that I used for Modi *ji*, has earlier been used by respected former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee for Narasimha Rao. If it wasn't unparliamentary then, how come it has become unparliamentary now?" Asked whether he blamed Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar for trimming his speech, Mr. Kharge said, "I leave it to the country's judgment. I wouldn't want to comment."

Suitability of a candidate cleared by Collegium can't be subject of judicial review: SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday, in a nine-page order, explained that "suitability" of a candidate cleared by the Collegium for appointment as a judge in a constitutional court cannot be a subject of judicial review.

"We are clearly of the opinion that this court, while exercising power of judicial review, cannot issue a writ of certiorari quashing the recommendation, or mandamus calling upon the Collegium of the Supreme Court to reconsider its decision... To do so would violate the law as declared, as it would amount to evaluating and substituting the decision of the Collegium, with individual or personal opinion on the suitability and merits of the person," a Special Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and B.R. Gavai reasoned.

The Bench rejected the argument that the Collegium had not known the 'facts' about Victoria Gowri. It said the Collegium had not "deemed it appropriate to withdraw the recommendation or recall their decision" even after receiving the petitioners' letter about her on February 1. The order, however, does not address the petitioner's argument about the oral statement made by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud in open court on February 6 that the Collegium was considering the "developments" raised in the letter. The letter had drawn the Collegium's attention to social media posts of Ms. Gowri in 2018 which, according to the petitioners, amounted to hate speech.

Under daily scrutiny

But the Bench, in its order, said a judge's pledge and duty transcended religious, linguistic, regional or sectional diversities. As an Additional Judge, she was under daily scrutiny from lawyers, litigants and the public. The courts were open and the judges spoke by giving reasons in writing for their decisions.

The court said the question whether Ms. Gowri was "fit" to be a judge was outside the ambit of judicial review. "The question whether a person is fit to be appointed as a judge essentially involves the aspect of suitability and stands excluded from the purview of judicial review," it noted.

The Bench distinguished between 'suitability' and 'eligibility' of a candidate zeroed in for High Court judgeship. Eligibility was based on "objective factors" given in Article 217 (2) of the Constitution like citizenship and 10 years' experience as a judicial officer or a lawyer in a High Court. Suitability of a candidate was the domain of the Collegium as it involved a procedure "designed to test the fitness of a person, including her character, integrity, competence and knowledge".

No timeline prescribed for transfer of judges: Rijiju

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Days after the Supreme Court expressed displeasure over the Centre's delay in clearing recommendations for transfer of High Court judges, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday informed the Lok Sabha that proposals for transfer of 10 judges were under various stages of processing.

In a written reply, the Minister said "no timeline" was prescribed in the Memorandum of Procedure for transfer of judges from one HC to another.

He said judges of HCs were transferred according to the procedure laid down in the MoP. The proposal for transfer of a HC judge is initiated by the Chief Justice of India in consultation with four senior-most judges of the Supreme Court. As per the MoP, the CJI is expected to take into account the views of the Chief Justice of the HC from which the judge is to be transferred as well as the Chief Justice of the HC where the said judge is being transferred to.

Prime Minister flags off two Vande Bharat trains in Maharashtra

Maitri Porecha
MUMBAI

New Vande Bharat trains will provide a high-speed rail connection between the economic centres of Mumbai and Pune and centres of faith in other parts of Maharashtra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday, as he flagged off two Vande Bharat trains set to ply between Mumbai and the pilgrim towns of Shirdi and Solapur.

"It is a big day for Indian Railways, specifically so for Mumbai and Maharashtra in terms of modern connectivity. For the first time, we are inaugurating two Vande Bharat trains at one go," Mr. Modi said, addressing a crowd at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus.

"Passengers plying for education, work, farmers and devotees will all benefit from this train service," he said.

Up to 108 districts in 17 States have been connected by Vande Bharat trains, he said, emphasising the need to improve public transport systems to elevate the ease of living for citizens.

The trains will connect Mumbai with Shirdi and Solapur.

"For the first time in India, ₹10 lakh crore has been allocated to development of infrastructure. The Railways take up a lion's share of ₹2.4 lakh crore here," he said.

The PM said every penny invested in infrastructure would open up new avenues for employment.

"The cement, sand, iron, machines that go into this development, each industry linked to these is strengthened. The business-class, salaried class and the poor benefit from this. Engineers and labourers get jobs. When infrastructure is created, it paves the way for new business opportunities," he said.

SC dismisses Hindu Sena plea seeking to ban the BBC in India

The documentary on the PM was intended to 'disturb peace' at a time when India was a rising economic power, the petitioner argued

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a petition filed by Hindu Sena president Vishnu Gupta, seeking to ban the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in India and order an investigation into the broadcaster, its employees and their "anti-India and anti-Indian government" reportage and films.

A Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and M.M. Sundresh said that the petition was "absolutely misconceived".

Senior advocate Pinky Anand, for the petitioner, pointed out that the BBC documentary *India: The Modi Question* – which has been blocked on the government's orders – was timed to create "anti-India propaganda" at a time when India was a rising economic power. "Today you have a position, when you have an Indian as the British Prime Minister. India is rising as an economic power," it was argued.

"What is this? Do you want us to put in place a complete censorship?" the Bench reacted.

The petition claimed that the BBC film was intended to surreptitiously disturb the peace and national integrity of the country which had led to "India's overall growth since 2014 under the Prime Ministership of Sh. Narendra Modi".

It said that an "anti-India lobby and media, particularly the BBC", cannot digest the nation's growth and seemed to be biased. A representation to the Home Ministry on January 27 has so far not yielded a response, the petitioner said.

The court said that there was no merit in the petition and rejected it.

Animal Welfare Board calls off 'Cow Hug Day' on Feb. 14

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) has withdrawn on Friday its February 6 appeal urging people to celebrate February 14 as 'Cow Hug Day'. The appeal invited criticism from farmers' organisations and trade unions that such a circular was against the promotion of scientific temper.

In social media too, the appeal, issued by Secretary of the Animal Welfare Board of India S.K. Dutta, was criticised for suggesting to hug cows on Valentine's Day.

Mr. Dutta said in a fresh circular issued on Friday that the decision to withdraw the appeal is after directions from the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala had supported such a move and said on Thursday that the country has a tradition of worshipping cows.

However, farmers' organisations and trade unions had questioned the logic of such an appeal that claimed hugging cows will bring "emotional richness" and will increase "individual and collective happiness."

Mr. Dutta said in the new circular: "As directed by the Competent Authority and Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, the appeal issued by the Animal Welfare Board of India for the celebration of 'Cow Hug Day' on February 14, 2023 stands withdrawn."

Mr. Rupala had said on Thursday that it will be good if people respond positively to the call given by the AWBI.

Muslim body condemns rise in hate speech and Islamophobia

Ziya Us Salam
NEW DELHI

Raising concerns over the Central government's "ostrich-like approach" to growing incidents of hate speech and Islamophobia, the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind has sought action against the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) leaders and sections of the media. The oldest Muslim body in the country began its three-day conclave on Friday with a resolution calling for immediate steps to put an end to the menace.

The general assembly – in which about 10,000 delegates are participating from across the country – drew attention to the campaign to tarnish the reputation of *madrasas*, the Assam government's controversial campaign to put an end to child marriages, and other instances of hatred and incitement against the Muslim community, claiming that they have "increased to an alarming level in our country".

'Law needed'

The Jamiat's strong condemnation of hate speech comes on the heels of a meeting with RSS leaders last month, where Muslim leaders – including representatives of the Jamiat – had raised concerns about hate speech and Islamophobia in the country.

The Jamiat urged the Centre to take immediate steps to put a stop to actions which are against the norms of democracy, justice and equality and are anti-Islam in nature.

It also asked the government to enact "a separate law to specifically punish those who incite violence against the minorities".

INBRIEF

Kwatra's talks to focus on plans for Prachanda's visit

Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra will visit Kathmandu from February 13 to 14, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Friday. The visit will mark the first high-level outreach from India since Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' (in picture) came to power last December. His plans for a visit to India may feature during the bilateral exchanges that Mr. Kwatra will have during this tour.

Suspected Naxals kill BJP leader in Chhattisgarh

A local BJP leader was shot dead by suspected Naxals in Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh on Friday evening, police said. A police source said that Sagar Sahu, vice-president of the Narayanpur district unit of the BJP, was at his home in Chhotedongar village two unidentified persons – suspected to be Naxals – barged in and shot him in front of his family members. He was taken to a hospital but died of the injuries. PTI

U.S. to resume 'domestic visa revalidation' for H-1B holders

The U.S. is planning to resume the process of domestic visa revalidation in certain categories, like H-1B and L1 visas, on a pilot basis later this year, a move that will benefit tens of thousands of foreign tech workers, particularly from India. The pilot project when fully implemented will benefit professionals to get the stamping done with the U.S. The much-sought-after H-1B visas are issued for three years at a time. PTI

Decked up in snow, 3rd Khelo India Winter Games in Gulmarg sparks Olympics dreams

Peerzada Ashiq
GULMARG

Around 1,500 players from across the country converged in snow-covered Gulmarg in Kashmir on Friday to take part in the winter games here, aspiring to make it to international platforms like the Winter Olympics.

Union Minister Anurag Thakur presided over a colourful inaugural show along with J&K Lieutenant Govenor Manoj Sinha. The mega show highlighted J&K's culture, with a larger message of plurality and diversity.

Grand gala: Members of the Police Band performing at the opening ceremony of Khelo India Winter Games, in Gulmarg. NISSAR AHMAD

Mr. Thakur, who also displayed his cricketing skills on a snow turf, said, "The winter games have attracted spectators too. Like our performance in the Summer Olympics, I am hopeful our players will do better in the future in the Winter Olympics too. This is the platform to identify, hunt and scout for talent, so that they can be provided further training."

During the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, Arif Khan, a local skier from Kashmir, was the lone participant from India. However, his participation encouraged many to pursue skiing with extra vigour.

Mr. Thakur proposed the settting up of a Centre of Excellence in Gulmarg to hone the skills of sportspersons. "We will be spending ₹6 lakh on an athlete's training and other facilities once selected. We have sanctioned 40 'Khelo India' centres for J&K. It is the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji to create sporting infrastructure across India," he said.

The 3rd Khelo India Winter Games will be a five-day event, where sportsmen will participate in Alpine skiing and Nordic skiing, ice stock, snow baseball, mountaineering, snowshoe running, ice hockey, figure skating, speed skating etc.

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Jobs increase in solar and wind energy sectors: study

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India's solar and wind energy sectors added 52,700 new workers in project development roles in the last financial year, an eight-fold increase from financial year 2021, according to a joint report by three think tanks on Friday.

Nearly 99% all of the new workforce (52,100 workers) were employed in the solar energy sector, with the wind energy sector registering very small growth (600 new workers). India's solar and wind energy sectors employed 1,64,000 workers as of FY'22, showing a 47% increase from FY'21. 84% of this workforce is in the solar energy sector.

The study was jointly conducted by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), NRDC India (Natural Resources Defence Council India), and Skill Council for Green Jobs (SCGJ).

Were these trends to continue, new on-grid solar (238 GW) and wind (101 GW) capacities – planned as part of India's commitment to ensure half its electricity, or nearly 500 GW, is from non-fossil fuel sources – can potentially create about 3.4 million jobs temporary and permanent jobs, the report suggests.

The jobs considered in the report comprised only full-time jobs.

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No.EE(MDP-Lakes)/Tend-14/2022-23 Date: 10-02-2023

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Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (₹. in Lakhs)
1.	Providing chain link fencing to lakes boundary in Mahadevapura Zone.	100.00	2.00

Calendar of Events: (1) Bid documents can be downloaded from **15-02-2023. (2)** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **22-02-2023 at 3:00 p.m. (3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m. on 01-03-2023. (4)** Technical Bids will be opened on **02-03-2023 at 4:30 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

(₹ in Crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Year ended
		31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.03.2022
		Un-audited	Un-audited	Audited
1.	Total income from Operations	3,046.04	2,608.08	10,161.58
2.	Net profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items#)	(97.90)	(27.66)	(496.39)
3.	Net profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items#)	(97.90)	(27.66)	(440.18)
4.	Net profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items#)	(97.90)	(27.66)	(440.18)
5.	Total comprehensive income for the period [comprising profit / (loss) for the period (after Tax) and other comprehensive income (after Tax)]	(97.90)	(27.66)	(440.18)
6.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Fully paid Equity Shares of Rs.1,000/- each issued at Par)	2,791.22	576.71	2,791.22
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(8,230.76)	(7,574.49)	(7,886.18)
8.	Securities Premium Account	--	--	--
9.	Net Worth	(5,439.54)	(6,997.78)	(5,094.96)
10.	Paid-up Debt Capital / Outstanding debt	6,692.74	8,633.78	6,670.59
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference share	--	--	--
12.	Debt-Equity Ratio	2.40	14.97	2.39
13.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.1,000/- each) (for continuing and discontinued Operations) -			
	1. Basic :	(35.07)	(47.96)	(748.14)
	2. Diluted :	(35.07)	(47.96)	(748.14)
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	--	--	--
15.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	--	--	--
16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.01	0.03	0.14
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.21	0.82	0.41

- Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules.

Notes :

a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the LODR Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the website: https://www.bseindia.com and on the company website : https://www.gridco.co.in/.

b) For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the LODR Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange(BSE) and can be accessed on the company website : https://www.gridco.co.in/.

c) There is no change in accounting policies and accordingly there is no impact on net profit/ loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s).

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Date : 10.02.2023

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INBRIEF

Modi opens Dawoodi Bohra community's Arabic Academy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated Dawoodi Bohra community's Arabic Academy at Aljamea-tus-Saifiyah (The Saifee Academy) in Mumbai. After the inauguration, Mr. Modi walked around the campus with His Holiness Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, the 53rd al-Dai al-Mutlaq and present leader of the worldwide Dawoodi Bohra community, an influential community in the city. "I'm not here as Prime Minister, but as part of the family. Visiting you is like visiting my family. Please don't refer to me as PM. I'm your family member," he told the community. He hailed the contribution of the community to social welfare initiatives

'Hold Marathi scribe's murder case trial in fast-track court'

Journalists in Mumbai gathered at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi near Mantralaya, the administrative building, and staged a silent protest against the alleged murder of a Marathi journalist, Shashikant Warishe. He was reporting on issues related to the setting up of the Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited. On Monday, he was mowed down by an SUV allegedly driven by land dealer Pandharinath Amberkar who was a supporter of the project. Protesting journalists demanded that the State invoke stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act against the accused and conduct the trial in a fast-track court.

Centre eases travel norms for visitors from six countries

Visitors coming to India from six countries – China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Singapore and Thailand – will no longer be required to furnish a pre-departure COVID-19 test report and upload a self-health declaration on the 'Air Suvidha' portal from February 13. The Centre has taken this decision as these countries have been witnessing a sustained and significant decline in trajectory of COVID-19 cases in the last four weeks, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said. India too continues to witness a declining trajectory of COVID-19 cases, with less than 100 new cases being reported everyday. PTI

Court convicts 4 under UAPA for being part of al-Qaeda

A Delhi court on Friday convicted four men, who the Delhi police alleged, were part of a first group that was formed in India for expanding the network of the al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent. The court acquitted two persons in the case and it will pronounce sentence on February 14. The matter pertains to an FIR lodged by the Delhi police special cell in December 2015 who received information that the terrorist organisation al-Qaeda was trying to set up its base in India under the banner of the AQIS and had declared Asim Umar as its (head). The police said some youth from western Uttar Pradesh had left India and joined its cadre in Pakistan, and one of its module was active in Sambhal.

Larger Bench to hear plea against Dawoodi Bohra practice

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on Friday, referred to a larger Bench of nine judges a series of petitions challenging the authority of Dawoodi Bohra community leaders to excommunicate their members.

The five-judge Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul was dealing with the question whether the practice of excommunication in the Dawoodi Bohra community could continue as a "protected practice" despite the coming into force of the Maharashtra Protection of People from Social Boycott (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act of 2016.

The reference to the five-judge Bench led by Justice Kaul was based on a 1962 judgment of another five-judge Bench in the *Sardar Syedna Taher Saifuddin vs The State Of Bombay* case. The Bench had held that the religious faith and tenets of the Dawoodi Bohra community gave its religious heads the power of excommunication as part of their "management of religious affairs" under Article 26(b) of the Constitution.

1962 judgement

Justice A.S. Oka, who pronounced the judgment for the five-judge Bench, said the Sardar Syedna judgment raised questions about rights under Articles 26(b) and Article 21 (right to life and due process of law) of the Constitution.

The 1962 judgment was pronounced on a challenge to Section 3 of the Bombay Prevention of Excommunication Act of 1949.

The 2016 Act of the Maharashtra Assembly had identified 16 types of social ostracisation and made them illegal, punishing the perpetrators with imprisonment for up to three years. One among the 16 dealt with the expulsion of a member of a community.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta had submitted that the matter concerned religious freedoms and should be further referred to the nine-judge Sabarimala Bench.

Discovery of lithium deposits in J&K to cut down import needs

The find will serve as a major boost to the manufacture of rechargeable batteries for smartphones, laptops and electric cars in the country

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The discovery of 5.9 tonnes of lithium deposits in Jammu and Kashmir, a first for India, would reduce the need for imports and improve employment opportunities, officials in the Union Territory said on Friday, adding that the find was a major boost to the manufacture of rechargeable batteries for smartphones, laptops and electric cars.

The lithium inferred resources have been established in Reasi district. "There was a presence of bauxite in composite form and during its processing lithium was also discovered. We had explored it earlier also but now this time it has been approved by the Geological Survey of India (GSI)," said Shafiq Ahmad, District Mineral Officer, Reasi. The mineral blocks are likely to be auctioned after sanction from the Central government.

The GSI has said that 5.9 tonnes of lithium deposits have been established in Reasi district.

The GSI had said on Thursday that lithium inferred resources had been found in the Salal-Haimana area of Reasi. An official said the geological reports on reaching the G2 and G3 stages of exploration were discussed during the 62nd Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB) meeting held in New Delhi on Thursday.

Around 51 mineral blocks have been identified across the country, including J&K, based on the work carried out by the GSI from field seasons 2018-19 till date.

Residents of Salal expressed their delight after the news of the discovery spread. "Surveyors from the GSI have been visiting and taking samples from Salal area in the past two years. Finally, we get to hear the good news. It will go a long way in addressing unemployment issues here," Rajinder Singh, a local Naib Sarpanch, said.

Earlier, the Mines ministry had said that to strengthen the critical mineral supply chain for emerging technologies, the government was taking several measures to secure minerals, including lithium, from Australia and Argentina. Currently, India is import-dependent for many minerals like lithium, nickel and cobalt.

(With PTI inputs)

With two new judges, SC to regain full strength

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

After a gap of nine months, the Supreme Court will function with its full strength of 34 judges as the Centre on Friday notified the appointment of two new judges to the top court.

Justice Rajesh Bindal, who was serving as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court and Justice Aravind Kumar, Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court, were elevated as Supreme Court judges.

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju took to Twitter to announce the fresh appointments to the top court and extended his best wishes to them. Once they take oath, the court will achieve its full strength of 34 judges including the Chief Justice.

On May 9, 2022 when Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala had taken oath as Supreme Court judges, th court had attained maximum strength. But the next day, with the retirement of Justice Vineet Saran, the working strength came down to 33.

Gehlot unveils inflation relief package for Rajasthan

Mohammed Iqbal
JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who also holds the Finance portfolio, expanded several welfare schemes besides unveiling a package aimed at softening the impact of sustained inflation in the State Budget. It was the fifth consecutive Budget to have no new tax levies.

The inflation relief package worth ₹19,000 crore includes the supply of free food packets every month to poor families, LPG cylinders at ₹500 each to the below poverty line families and the Prime Minister's Ujjwala Yojana beneficiaries, free electricity up to 100 units per month to 1.19 crore domestic consumers, and continuation of VAT concession on fuel.

The Assembly also witnessed a ruckus when Mr. Gehlot read out excerpts of the previous year's Budget, apparently because one of the pages of the document had the old text.

Wildlife enthusiasts spot 145 species during first Sundarban bird festival

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Birders, wildlife enthusiasts and forest officials have sighted 145 different bird species during the first Sundarban bird festival. The first-ever festival was organised by the Sundarban Tiger Reserve (STR) division of West Bengal Forest Department, where six teams visited different areas inside the Sundarban Biosphere Reserve.

Winged wonder: The fulvous-breasted woodpecker was sighted during the Sundarban bird festival. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The species recorded during the bird festival included 78 forest birds and 42 species of waders, raptors etc. The two-day exercise which ended on Friday also recorded six species of waterfowl.

The total number of birds spotted during the exercise was 5,065. Two threatened bird species of the Sundarbans, Eurasian Curlew and Lesser Sand Plover, were also spotted. Birders were able to spot seven of the 12 species of kingfishers found in the Sundarbans.

Deputy Field Director of Sundarban Tiger Reserve, Justine Jones, said that the first-ever bird festival has provided baseline data as far as the number of bird species in the Sundarbans is concerned. "We can carry out the same exercise in the years to come and the baseline data would provide us changes as far as bird species are concerned," he added.

According to Mr. Jones, sighting 145 species in a matter of two days is a good sign.

A publication by Zoological Survey of India, (ZSI) in 2021, had recorded 428 bird species in the Sundarbans which is one-third of all the avian species found in the country.

Despite being home to so many species of birds the habitats face threats including plantation activity along the *chars* (river islands) which disturbs the birds, and illegal activities along *chars* and uninhabited islands.

Centre to borrow ₹13,879 crore to boost health infrastructure

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The loan agreements have been signed to augment PM-ABHIM which was launched on October 25, 2021

The Union government has signed loan agreements to borrow up to ₹13,879 crore to strengthen health infrastructure from international agencies.

As per a written reply in Lok Sabha by Minster of State for Health, Dr. Bharti Pawar, as on February 6, loan agreements have been signed with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for $300 million (₹2,474 crore) and with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for 50 billion Japanese Yen (₹3,162 crore).

In addition, the World Bank has approved $1 billion (₹8,243 crore) IBRD loans for Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM). IBRD is the lending arm of the World Bank.

The loan agreements have been signed to augment PM-ABHIM which was launched on October 25, 2021, with an outlay of about ₹64,180 crore (till FY 2025-26) to strengthen healthcare infrastructure across the country.

While the government provides financial assistance to States and Union Territories to set up and upgrade health infrastructure under National Health Mission, the PM-ABHIM was launched in addition to it. It was launched to fill gaps in health infrastructure, especially in critical and primary care facilities.

The major initiatives planned under the mission include support for construction of 17,788 rural Health and Wellness Centres, establishment of 11,024 Urban Health and Wellness Centres, setting up 3,382 Block Public Health Units and setting up of Integrated Public Health Labs in all districts.

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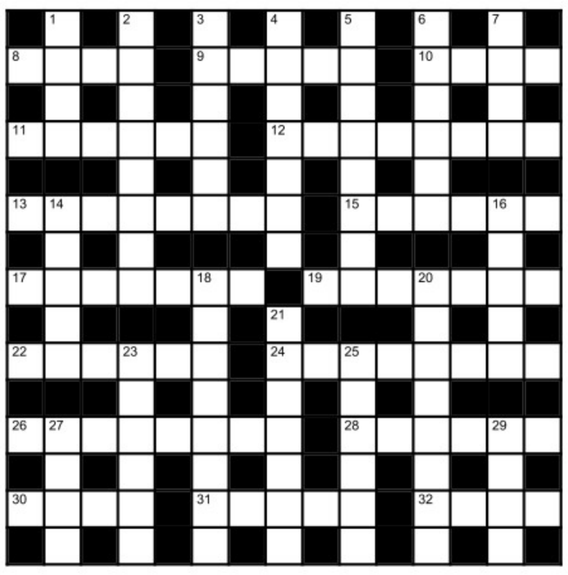

Across

8 Fruit and vegetable? Right! (4)
9 German submersible vessel protecting snake in Utah (1-4)
10 Fastener found in Chennai ladder (4)
11 Loves pine tea? (6)
12 Encore!... Encore organised, including commencement of melodious overture (4,4)
13 Wrongly enrich and include saint's name (8)
15 Old Lenin is wrongly connected to internet (6)
17 Nepal district horse (7)
19 Perhaps, an award for wasting away of body part (7)
22 Prohibit girl with the French piece of jewellery (6)
24 Horribly vile technology allows terribly evil leaders to rise magically (8)
26 Lagos don travels in Venetian boats (8)
28 Some Detroit editors took part in violent protest (6)
30 Female with a measure of land gets ticket cost (4)
31 Mashed flesh in part of a cupboard, perhaps (5)
32 Shoo away in part of West End (4)

Down

1 "Duck, love!" (4)
2 Parson is terrible! Giving shelter to fire-raiser? (8)
3 Move ahead of model financial plan (6)
4 Military officer gone broke producing perfumery product (7)
5 Ticks project (5,3)
6 Dental covering English male damaged (6)
7 For example, Pinocchio circulates lira (4)
14 African language initially hated across America (5)
16 Perhaps Miss MacIntosh is confused after absence of scam (2-3)
18 Sewing implements without a point? Unnecessary! (8)
20 In olden times, you parked in river shed (8)
21 Good girls' spectacles (7)
23 Golden Gate redesigned without using Noel's contraption (6)
25 Five fire back at rear of enemy and confirm (6)
27 Love male in country (4)
29 Repeat excited customer's hasty order for starters (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The abode of Lord Srinivasa

In a bunch of fruits yielded by a tree, not all are same. One is sweeter second may be bitter or another one may be stale even. In churning of the sea of milk one group got the nectar and the other poison. God has retained the responsibility of giving peace, patience and joy unto Himself. He is pleased with those who chant and worship Him and they are granted the above. If any reference of a temple is made even by a single line in any of the 18 puranas, that temple is called a kshetra. More than 10 puranas had praised about Venkatachalam, the abode of Lord Srinivasa – the God of this Kaliyuga. Various Azhwars had sung in praise of the Lord.

Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitar had composed 108 kirthanas about this God. It is said that Thiruvenkatamalai is a part of Sri Vaikunta. Adisesha, the reclining bed of Lord Narayana, descended down as the Hills and the Lord as Srinivasa.

Vedas say the Moon has emerged from the mind of the God which is always cool. The eyes of the Lord are ever cool like moon called "Venkatesa Nayanam". The mercy of the Lord is showered through the eyes like nectar. When the cowherd clans were affected by the poison spewed by the snake Kalinga, it was removed by Lord Krishna by just seeing them through His eyes.

Sri Annamacharya, a great devotee of the Lord, had composed a number of krithis. He had composed 100 slokas on the divine consort, called 'Padmavathi Sathakam'. With Her divine blessings, Sri Annamacharya worshipped Lord Srinivasa, Sri Embar Kasturiswamy said in a discourse.

JULIACA

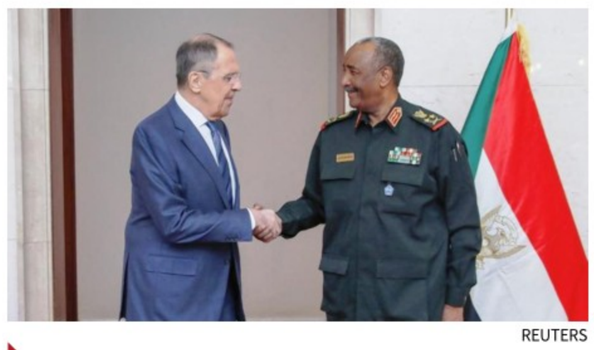
Nearly 50 injured in the latest anti-government protest in Peru

AP

Almost 50 people were injured in Peru in violent clashes between police and anti-government protesters on Thursday, a month after 18 people were killed at the same place. A march was organised in Juliaca to demand justice for the civilians killed on January 9, but it turned violent when protesters again tried to enter the airport. AFP

MOSCOW

Back from Africa tour, Lavrov says West has failed to 'isolate' Russia



REUTERS

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Friday the West's efforts to "isolate" Russia had failed. "Today we can affirm that the West's plans to isolate Russia by surrounding us with a sanitary cordon have been a fiasco," Mr. Lavrov told Russian diplomats at an event at his Ministry after returning from a tour of Africa. REUTERS

ISLAMABAD

IMF delays $6 billion bailout for Pak. as it fails to meet key terms

REUTERS

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) delayed a $6 billion bailout for cash-strapped Pakistan over its failure to meet the terms of a previous deal, officials said on Friday. A critical part of the loan, $1.1 billion, has been on hold since December as officials reviewed the country's compliance with a 2019 agreement. AP

JERUSALEM

Two killed, 5 injured in Jerusalem after car ploughs into bus stand

AP

A driver plowed a car into a crowded bus stop in east Jerusalem on Friday, killing two people, including a six-year-old, and injuring five others before being shot and killed, Israeli police said The ramming took place in Ramot, a Jewish settlement. The rescue service identified the two killed as a boy and a man in his 20s. AP

Russia attacks targets across Ukraine with missiles, drones

As the war anniversary comes closer, Ukraine says the Kremlin forces have escalated attacks in the eastern side of the country; Moldova claims it had detected a missile traversing its airspace

Associated Press
KYIV

Russia unleashed strategic bombers, killer drones and rockets in a barrage of attacks across Ukraine early on Friday, as a military push by Moscow that Kyiv says has been brewing for days appeared to pick up pace ahead of the one-year anniversary of its invasion.

The Kremlin's forces focused their bombardments on Ukraine's industrial east, especially the Luhansk and Donetsk provinces that make up the Donbas region, the military said. Moscow-backed separatists have been fighting Ukrainian forces there since 2014.

But the barrage went further, also taking aim at the capital, Kyiv, and Lviv, near Ukraine's Western border with Poland. It also struck critical infrastructure in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city in the northeast. Seven people were wounded there, two of them seriously, regional Governor Oleh Syniehubov said.

Saving lives: People finding shelter inside a subway station as Russia launched rocket attacks in Kyiv on Friday. AP

Air raid sirens went off across much of the country. The Ukrainian Air Force said its defences destroyed five Kalibr missiles and five Iranian-made killer drones.

In the Donetsk region, local Ukrainian officials reported that the Russian military deployed additional troops and launched offensive operations. "There is a daily escalation and Russian attacks are becoming active throughout the region," Governor Pavlo Kyrylenko said.

In Luhansk province, the Russian Army is trying to punch through Ukrainian defences, said regional Governor Serhii Haidai.

Also on Friday, Moldova's Ministry of Defence said that a missile was detected traversing its airspace near the border with Ukraine. Moldova's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the Russian Ambassador in Chisinau has been summoned for talks over the "unacceptable violation".

The spokesperson for Ukraine's Air Forces, Yurii Ihnat, said that another missile crossed the airspace of Romania, a NATO member. Romania's Defence Ministry denied that, however, saying the closest the missile came to Romania's airspace was approximately 35 kilometres.

China, U.S. spar over Congress resolution 'condemning' balloon

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

The U.S. House of Representatives passing a resolution condemning China's surveillance balloon brought a sharp response from Beijing on Friday, with the world's two biggest powers continuing to spar over the latest diplomatic row in their relations.

"The U.S. Congress's resolution is purely about scoring political points and dramatising the whole thing. China deplores it and firmly opposes it," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said in Beijing. "The Chinese side has repeatedly shared information and stated its position on the unmanned Chinese civilian airship into U.S. airspace due to force majeure." The U.S. Congress resolution was passed unanimously with 419 votes in favour and none against, underlining rare bipartisan unity. It condemned China for "brazen violation of United States sovereignty".

Joe Biden

The U.S. government, meanwhile, said on Thursday the surveillance balloon from China was fitted with antennae, and capable of collecting data. Beijing has continued to insist the balloon was "civilian" and used for meteorological purposes.

While the Congress resolution did reflect some unity as far as China is concerned despite other political divisions, it also called on the Biden administration to share more information on the balloon incident.

Under fire

President Biden has come under fire from Republicans for not shooting down the balloon shortly after its detection over Alaska on January 28 and instead waiting for it to leave land. The U.S. military finally shot it down on February 5 while it was in U.S. airspace in waters off the east coast, after the balloon drifted across the continental U.S. for a week. Administration officials had previously expressed concern on damage from falling debris if the balloon was brought down over land.

The balloon incident led to the Biden administration cancelling this week's scheduled visit to China by Secretary of State Antony Blinken, the first such high-level visit since 2018.

While Washington saw the surveillance balloon, appearing on the eve of the visit, as a grave provocation, Beijing has claimed the balloon drifted off course, and was used for meteorology .U.S. officials have since said Beijing had deployed a fleet of surveillance balloons, some of which had been detected over the Andaman Islands in India last year and over Japan in 2020 and 2021.

Russia says it will cut oil production over Western caps

Associated Press
MOSCOW

Russia announced on Friday that it will cut oil production by 500,000 barrels per day next month after Western countries capped the price of its crude over its action in Ukraine.

"As of today, we fully sell all our crude output, but as we stated before, we will not sell oil to those who directly or indirectly adhere to the 'price ceiling,'" Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak said. "Russia will voluntarily cut production by 500,000 barrels a day. It will help restore market-style relations," he said.

Analysts have said one possible Russian response to the cap would be to slash production to try to raise oil prices, which could eventually flow through to higher gasoline prices at the pump as less oil makes it to the global market.

International benchmark Brent crude rose 2.2% on Friday, to $86.42 per barrel.

Close to one million affected as quake toll reaches 23,000

Agence France-Presse
BAB AL-HAWA BORDER CROSSING

Rescuers pulled out children on Friday from the rubble of the Turkey-Syria earthquake as the toll approached 23,000 and a winter freeze compounded the suffering for nearly one million people estimated to be in urgent need of food. The stench of death hung over Kahramanmaras – the epicentre of the first 7.8-magnitude tremor that upturned millions of lives.

The UN warned that 874,000 people were now in urgent need of hot meals across Turkey and Syria. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan conceded for the first time on Friday that his government was not able to reach and help the victims "as quickly as we had desired".

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		21/02/2023, 3 PM	14/03/2023, 6.00 PM
4.	Date and time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per Section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		15/03/2023, 10 AM	22/03/2023, 11.00 AM
5.	Date & time of sample submission as per section-IV of tender documents.	22/03/2023, 11 AM	
6.	Date & time of online Technical Bid Opening	22/03/2023, 11:30 AM	
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INBRIEF

Sun Pharma gets U.S. FDA nod to market cancer drug copy

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries on Friday said its subsidiary had received approval from the U.S. health regulator to market a generic medication used in the treatment of multiple myeloma. The company had received final approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) for its generic lenalidomide capsules in multiple strengths, Sun Pharma said in a statement. PTI

ChatGPT, other AI models to disrupt Indian IT firms: JPM

Generative AI models such as ChatGPT will slow down market-share gains and deflate pricing for Indian IT companies in the short term, analysts at J.P.Morgan said on Friday. As generative AI is implemented more broadly, consulting firms such as Accenture and Deloitte will gain market share over Indian IT firms such as Infosys Ltd. and Wipro Ltd. in the near term, analysts at the brokerage wrote in a note to clients. "ChatGPT is likely to deflate legacy services the most and application services the least." REUTERS

India Q4 smartphone sales slides 27% on inflation: IDC

Smartphones shipments in India slid more than 27% to 29.6 million in the October-December quarter of 2022 mainly due to inflationary pressures, market research firm IDC said. As per the report, dwindling consumer demand due to high inflation remained a challenge throughout the year despite the improved supply situation. IDC India, Research Manager, Client Devices, Upasana Joshi said dearth of new products in sub-$150 (about ₹12,000) smartphone segment limited its growth. Apple maintained its lead in the premium segment with a 60% share. PTI

Adani shares extend slide as MSCI cuts free float of 4 firms

Adani Enterprises falls 4.15% after index provider names it alongside 3 other group firms; Moody's downgrades 4 Adani entities' credit rating outlook to negative citing rapid decline in market value

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Eight of 10 Adani Group shares declined on Friday, with flagship Adani Enterprises slumping 4.15% on the BSE, after index provider MSCI named the company among four group stocks for which it had cut the free float designation.

The three other stocks named by MSCI for free float reduction also fell, with Adani Total Gas and Adani Transmission sliding by 5% each and cement maker ACC slipping 1.85%.

Reuters cited analysts as saying that a change in free float status could affect the weightings of MSCI index constituents, possibly triggering a shift by funds as many investments are aligned to such indexes. The changes would come into effect on March 1, Reuters added.

Separately, Moody's Investors Service said it had cut the rating outlook of Adani Green Energy, Adani Green Energy Restricted Group, Adani Transmission Step-One and Adani Electricity Mumbai to 'negative' from 'stable' citing a significant decline in the market value of the group's firms following a report 'highlighting governance concerns in the Group'.

Free fall

Eight of 10 Adani Group stocks declined on Friday after MSCI cut free float designation on 4 firms including flagship Adani Enterprises

- Adani Total Gas, Adani Transmission slide 5% each while ACC slips 1.85% on MSCI change
- Adani Ports, Ambuja Cements buck trend, rise 0.31% and 0.85%, respectively
- Moody's cuts rating outlook to negative on 4 issuers including Adani Green Energy

China's Alibaba exits Paytm, sells shares for $167 million

Reuters
BENGALURU

China's Alibaba Group has sold its remaining stake in Indian digital payments firm Paytm for about ₹13.78 billion ($167.14 million) through a block deal, stock exchange data showed.

The exit comes days after Paytm posted its first-ever quarterly operating profit as a listed firm, nine months ahead of its own target. Alibaba.com Singapore E-Commerce Pvt. Ltd. sold 21.4 million shares of Paytm at ₹642.74 apiece, a 9% discount to Thursday's close, NSE data showed.

M&M Q3 net climbs 35% as vehicle sales increase

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) Ltd. reported third-quarter consolidated net profit grew 35% year-on-year (YoY) to ₹2,677 crore on higher vehicle sales.

Consolidated revenue at ₹30,620 crore jumped 30%, the firm said.

"We have had another robust quarter led by the robust performance of our auto division," said MD and CEO Anish Shah. "Our farm division also reported healthy growth with increased market share.

"Our capital allocation actions are continuing to show results and we remain committed to a journey of growth and returns," Dr. Shah added.

Auto, farm shine

"Our efforts towards creating segment-leading products and improving operational efficiencies led to the achievement of highest-ever quarterly revenue and PBIT in Q3 FY23 for auto and farm sectors," said Rajesh Jejurikar, ED.

"In SUVs, we continue to be leaders in revenue market share for the fourth consecutive quarter and have celebrated another successful launch of the XUV400. In the tractor business, we have achieved 41% market share, highest Q3 market share in last 5 years,"'he added.

Manoj Bhat, Group CFO, said the company's operating margins improved by 130 basis points YoY led by operating efficiencies and our focus on fiscal discipline. "We recorded highest-ever quarterly group revenue reflecting strong growth across businesses."

SEBI said to probe Adani's links to FPO investors

Reuters
MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is investigating Adani Group's links to some of the investors in the conglomerate's aborted $2.5 billion share sale, two sources said, amid growing concern in New Delhi about a U.S. short-seller's allegations against the major industrial group.

SEBI is looking into any potential violation of Indian securities laws or any conflict of interest in the share sale process, said the sources who have direct knowledge of the matter.

The watchdog is investigating relationships between Adani and at least two Mauritius-based firms – Great International Tusker Fund and Ayushmat Ltd. – which participated as anchor investors, among others, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity given the confidential nature of the probe.

Under India's capital and disclosure requirement rules, any entity related to a company's founder or the founder group is ineligible to apply under the anchor investor category. One of the sources said the focus of the probe would be whether any of the anchor investors are "connected" to the founder group.

SEBI and the Adani Group did not respond to requests for comment about the investigation. Great International Tusker Fund and Ayushmat Ltd. also did not respond to requests for comment.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	60,683	-0.20
US Dollar	82.53	-0.02
Gold	56,754	-1.14
Brent oil	86	3.09

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1846.95	-78.75
Adani Ports	583.95	1.65
Apollo Hosp	4416.25	26.95
Asian Paints	2804.60	-10.00
Axis Bank	867.25	-0.45
Bajaj Auto	3831.65	-14.10
Bajaj Finserv	1401.75	1.50
Bajaj Finance	6435.50	-19.50
Bharti Airtel	771.95	5.30
BPCL	334.00	0.30
Britannia Ind	4622.70	-14.65
Cipla	1033.20	11.70
Coal India	211.50	-3.05
Divis Lab	2811.25	-11.90
Dr Reddys Lab	4499.60	12.10
Eicher Motors	3212.35	-24.80
Grasim Ind	1635.30	-8.15
HCL Tech	1115.65	-30.70
HDFC	2688.70	15.45
HDFC Bank	1657.10	6.55
HDFC Life	522.55	3.90
Hero MotoCorp	2583.30	24.10
Hindalco	433.15	-11.40
Hind Unilever	2577.50	-9.20
ICICI Bank	853.85	-6.95
IndusInd Bank	1161.20	-2.60
Infosys	1608.55	-8.45
ITC	371.35	-2.90
JSW Steel	718.95	-4.80
Kotak Bank	1772.05	1.15
L&T	2163.85	16.45
M&M	1365.45	-6.75
Maruti Suzuki	8811.35	10.15
NestleIndia	19023.85	23.55
NTPC	165.00	-1.00
ONGC	146.70	0.50
PowerGrid Corp	214.10	1.25
Reliance Ind	2336.65	-19.40
SBI Life	1184.50	4.05
State Bank	553.05	2.25
Sun Pharma	1006.60	-0.20
TataConsumerProduct	726.60	4.65
Tata Motors	445.85	9.10
Tata Steel	108.80	-2.45
TCS	3537.55	-3.30
Tech Mahindra	1017.35	1.35
Titan	2468.50	5.95
UltraTech Cement	7206.05	26.30
UPL	726.90	9.80
Wipro	405.80	-2.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 10

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.31	82.63
Euro	88.64	89.02
British Pound	99.97	100.40
Japanese Yen (100)	62.92	63.17
Chinese Yuan	12.14	12.19
Swiss Franc	89.68	90.03
Singapore Dollar	62.26	62.52
Canadian Dollar	61.41	61.67
Malaysian Ringitt	19.09	19.16
Australian Dollar	57.41	57.65

Source:Indian Bank

Sport

Mahindra looks to put on a good show in front of home fans

FORMULA E

S. Dipak Ragav
HYDERABAD

As India gears up to host the inaugural Hyderabad E Prix as part of the FIA Formula E championship on Saturday, all eyes will be on the home team Mahindra Racing. The Indian team has been part of the series since the first year but has struggled to string together decent results in the last few years. Ahead of the team's home race, its drivers, Lucas Di Grassi and Oliver Rowland predicted an exciting race on what promises to be a high-speed track.

"I think the car is pretty decent and very quick in qualifying, but we must fine-tune in areas like efficiency, regenerative capacity, software controls, and set-up in the races. I think the car has a good mechanical base, but we still need to improve a bit," said di Grassi.

Talking tactics: Team Mahindra Racing drivers Rowland, di Grassi and Daruvala address the media on Friday. ANI

The Brazilian put his team's chance of a podium in front of the home crowd at just 20 % but said it is not improbable and showed good pace in the free practice session finishing fifth fastest.

"At the moment, it's hard to beat the Porsches, and they have four cars dominating the grid. We need to qualify well, and we are ready to fight for it," he added.

Beumi on top

Meanwhile, Envision Racing's Sebastian Buemi topped the free practice session ahead of reigning champion Stoffel Vandoorne.

Earlier, championship leader and Porche Formula E driver Pascal Wehrlein had a huge shunt early in the session that was delayed by 50 minutes due to logistical and operational reasons.

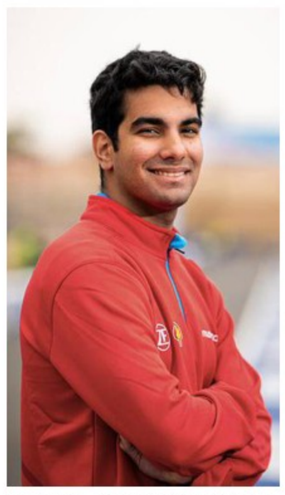
Daruvala sees his racing future in Formula E

S. Dipak Ragav
HYDERABAD

Indian racing driver Jehan Daruvala, who is competing in Formula 2, said his racing future is going to be in Formula E. The racer from Mumbai is going to compete in F2 for the fourth time this year, apart from his role as a reserve driver with Mahindra Racing in Formula E.

"When I started racing, my ultimate dream was Formula 1. Now with a more realistic point of view, 95% of my mind is in Formula E and that's where I see myself in the future. I have matured a lot in the last four-five years," said Daruvala here on Friday.

"Formula E is different from what I have been racing in the past. Being a reserve driver, I have a lot of work to do behind the scenes. I am constantly working and evolving. I am keen on getting a race seat here and I am working towards that goal," Daruvala explained.



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Mahindra Racing role

Daruvala's role the Mahindra Racing team includes extensive simulator work during race weekends to help the race team.

Mahindra Racing' Lucas Di Grassi said, "Jehan has the potential to be the best Indian racer ever. He still needs to learn and evolve. He has the talent. Youngsters like him are important for India to create a motorsport culture."

The 24-year-old Indian, who will have his first taste of the new Gen3 Formula E car in the rookie test to be held in Berlin, is now focusing on his fourth F2 campaign.

"I know if I want to race here, it will be on merit, not just because I'm an Indian.

"So, I need to definitely focus a lot on my F2 season and, alongside that, get as much experience as I can behind the scenes and help them in the simulator and at the track. I think that's going to be the best combination for this year," said Daruvala.

SNAPSHOTS

Triumphant: The victorious Maharashtra squad. M. VEDHAN.

Arjun and Pragg lose

Arjun Erigiasi lost to Wesley So 0.5-1.5 in the loser's semifinals and ended his campaign in the Airthings Masters online rapid chess championship. In the Grand Final of Division 3, in a repeat outcome of the winner's final, R. Praggnanandhaa lost to Samuel Sevian (USA) 1.5-2.5 even after taking a 1-0 lead in the best of three-game contest. Sevian won the second and the fourth games while the third was drawn.

Indian teams enter the semifinals in contrasting fashion

In a must-win match, the Indian girls' team drubbed Singapore 3-0 in the final Group-B contest to enter the semifinals of the HCL-SRFI-Asian junior team squash championships in Chennai on Friday.

India will take on Malaysia in a last-four clash on Saturday.

Later, the Indian boys' team topped Group-B with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Malaysia. The host will clash with Korea in the semifinals

The semifinal line-up: Boys: India vs Korea; Pakistan vs Malaysia.

Girls: India vs Malaysia; Hong Kong vs Japan.

The results: Boys: Group B: India bt Malaysia 2-1 (Krishna Mishra lost to Harith Danial Bin Jefri 9-11, 11-7, 5-11, 4-11; Shaurya Bawa bt Shamiel Haeyzad Bin 11-8, 11-8, 11-9; Paarth Ambani bt Low Wa Sern 9-11, 12-10, 11-7, 3-11, 11-5).

Girls: Group B: India by Singapore 3-0 (Anahat Singh bt Lee Zi Fang 11-1, 11-1, 11-2; Yuvna Gupta bt Ong Zhe Sim 9-11, 9-11, 13-11, 11-6, 11-3; R. Pooja Arthi bt Au Yeong Wai Iynn 11-7, 9-11, 11-4, 11-8).

Maharashtra girls' reign continues

Maharashtra defeated Haryana 3-1 to retain the youth girls' title in the inter-State-National youth and junior table tennis championships in Chennai on Friday.

Taneesha Kotecha was the star for Maharashtra, winning two matches including a hard-fought encounter against the country's No. 1 paddler Suhana Saini in the fourth rubber that gave the title.

The results (final): Youth girls: Maharashtra bt Haryana 3-1 (Jennifer Varghese lost to Suhana Saini 9-11, 2,-11, 6-11; Taneesha Kotecha bt Prithoki Chakraborti 11-7, 11-6, 14-12; Sayali Wani by Kavya Yadav 11-6, 11-3, 12-9; Taneesha bt Suhana 7-11, 11-7, 11-9, 11-13, 11-4).

Agnostic claims the Sprinters Trial Stakes

BENGALURU: Mr. Shantanu Sharma's Agnostic (Trevor up), won the Sprinters Trial Stakes, the chief event of the races held here on Friday (Feb. 10). The winner is trained by Bharath Singh.

1. MAHI PLATE (DIV. II): CASH OUT (L.A. Rozario) 1, Phoenix Surprise (Arshad) 2, Star Citizen (Nazerul) 3 and Perfect Halo (Angad) 4. Not run: War Trail. 6-1/4, 1-1/4 and 1. 1m, 14.73s. ₹25 (w), 13, 14 and 20 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 73, FP: 56, Q: 31, Trinella: 571, Exacta: 2,568. Favourite: Phoenix Surprise. Owner: Mr. Kumaraswamy M.S. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

2. BHIMA PLATE: LYCURGUS (Srinath) 1, Turkoman (Sandesh) 2, Starry Wind (A. Imran) 3 and Queen Regnant (Darshan) 4. 2, 3/4 and 3-1/2. 1m, 39.64s. ₹39 (w), 12, 14 and 20 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 39, FP: 89, Q: 30, Trinella: 711, Exacta: 2,446. Favourite: Turkoman. Owner: Mr. Shankar Srinivas. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

3. KABINI PLATE (DIV. III): SPIRIT DANCER (Darshan) 1, Princess Jasmine (Salman K) 2, Peridot (Likith Appu) 3 and Activated (Srinath) 4. Not run: Masteroftheskies. 2-1/2, 1/2 and 3/4. 1m, 15.01s. ₹94 (w), 24, 19 and 17 (p), SHP: 55, THP: 49, FP: 869, Q: 410, Trinella: 5,553, Exacta: 37,142. Favourite: Peridot. Owner: Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: S. Ganapathy.

4. CHAMBAL PLATE: ELPENOR (Trevor) 1, Royal Mysore (Akshay K) 2, Golden Peaks (I. Chisty) 3 and Seeking The Stars (S. Saqlain) 4. 7, Shd and 3-3/4. 1m, 13.17s. ₹29 (w), 12, 12 and 25 (p), SHP: 37, THP: 53, FP: 69, Q: 26, Trinella: 227, Exacta: 610. Favourite: Royal Mysore. Owners: Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala & M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by. Mr. D.R. Thacker. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

5. KABINI PLATE (DIV. II): ARCHWAY (S. John) 1, Sociable (L.A. Rozario) 2, Stunning Beauty (Srinath) 3 and Flamingo Road (S. Saqlain) 4. 3-1/4, 2-3/4 and 3/4. 1m, 13.43s. ₹34 (w), 13, 15 and 15 (p), SHP: 37, THP: 47, FP: 62, Q: 56, Trinella: 349, Exacta: 860. Favourite: Sociable. Owners: M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mukteshwar Racing LLP, Mr. Chandrakanth Kanakaria and Mr. Haider Soomar. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

6. K.N. CHENNABASAPPA MEMORIAL TROPHY: SHUBANKAR (Akshay K) 1, The Inheritor (G. Vivek) 2, Peluche (Darshan) 3 and Czarevitch (Likith Appu) 4. 4, 3-1/2 and 1/2. 1m, 25.28s. ₹20 (w), 10, 20 and 43 (p), SHP: 40, THP: 85, FP: 107, Q: 84, Trinella: 2,242, Exacta: 3,510. Favourite: Shubankar. Owner: Mr. Laksh Bhatia. Trainer: Warren Singh.

7. SPRINTERS TRIAL STAKES: AGNOSTIC (Trevor) 1, Aztec Queen (Akshay K) 2, Knotty Dancer (S. John) 3 and Golden Oaks (Sandesh) 4. Not run: Endeavour. 3/4, 1-3/4 and Nk. 1m, 12.14s. ₹25 (w), 12, 22 and 16 (p), SHP: 73, THP: 37, FP: 265, Q: 297, Trinella: 1,137, Exacta: 3,143. Favourite: Golden Oaks. Owner: Mr. Shantanu Sharma. Trainer: Bharath Singh.

8. KABINI PLATE (DIV. I): THE REPUBLIC POWER (Srinath) 1, Tiger Returns (B. Nayak) 2, Stars Above (S. John) 3 and Super Kind (L.A. Rozario) 4. Lnk, 3/4 and 3-1/2. 1m, 14.12s. ₹18 (w), 11, 52 and 18 (p), SHP: 194, THP: 39, FP: 1,159, Q: 525, Trinella: 5,932, Exacta: 24,836. Favourite: The Republic Power. Owner: Mr. B.E. Vasanth Kumar. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

9. MAHI PLATE (DIV. I): SACRED CREATOR (Angad) 1, Altair (G. Vivek) 2, Country's Jewel (L.A. Rozario) 3 and Antilope (R. Ajinkya) 4. Not run: Lucky Again. 4. 1 and 1-1/4. 1m, 14.62s. ₹32 (w), 15, 19 and 15 (p), SHP: 40, THP: 55, FP: 219, Q: 80, Trinella: 291, Exacta: 963. Favourite: Altair. Owner: Mr. S.N. Harish. Trainer: Narayana Gowda.

Jackpot: ₹2,926 (23 tkts.); Runner-up: 242 (119 tkts.); Treble (i): 1,396 (three tkts.); (ii): 137 (44 tkts.); (iii): 456 (26 tkts.).

SETBACK?

Injured Messi may miss PSG's CL clash against Bayern

Lionel Messi will miss Paris Saint-Germain's Ligue 1 trip to Monaco on Saturday with a hamstring injury, raising concerns he may not be fit in time for the Champions League showdown against Bayern Munich next week. PSG confirmed on Friday Messi had suffered the injury in the 2-1 defeat to Marseille on Wednesday.

RECORD SALE

Iconic Kobe Bryant jersey sells for $5.8m at auction

A jersey worn by US basketball legend Kobe Bryant — who died three years ago in a tragic helicopter accident — sold at auction for $5.8 million on Thursday. The sale by Sotheby's in New York set a new record for any Bryant item, but came in under the upper pre-sale estimate of $7 million.

FACILE WIN

Mumbai Meteors gets the better of Chennai Blitz

Mumbai Meteors got the better of Chennai Blitz 15-14, 15-6, 15-11, 15-12, 15-9 in the RuPay Prime Volleyball League at the Koramangala Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru on Friday. The Mumbai team picked up its first win of the season and Anu James was named the 'Player-of-the-Match'.

SUPER SHOW

Odisha FC outclasses Hyderabad FC

Odisha FC dished out a superlative show to down Hyderabad FC 3-1 at home to keep its playoff hopes alive in the Indian Super League at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Friday.
The result: Odisha FC 3 (Isak Ralte 33, Nim Dorjee 72-og, DiegoMauricio 90+4) bt Hyderabad FC 1 (Nim Dorjee 45).

Rohit's ton and Murphy's five-for on debut headline the day's action

Jadeja and Axar underscore their all-rounder credentials with unbeaten half-centuries as India takes control; the home team leads by 144 runs with three wickets in hand

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
NAGPUR

Rohit Sharma continued his bond with the city of his birth with a hundred while the all-rounder duo of Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel ensured India built on the captain's first century against Australia and take a firm grip on the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series-opener here on Friday.

The trio's effort also eclipsed young off-spinner Todd Murphy's five-wicket haul on Test debut, as India ended the day at 321 for seven, with a sizeable lead of 144 runs.

When Rohit and R. Ashwin – promoted on the first evening to shield the likes of Cheteshwar Pujara and Virat Kohli – walked out at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium to resume the first innings, India was 100 runs behind Australia's 177.

Milestone men: Rohit's love affair with Nagpur continued with the addition of another feather to his cap, while Murphy etched his name in golden letters in his very first Test. K.R DEEPAK

Holding the fort

Pacer Scott Boland and the two off-spinners – veteran Nathan Lyon and rookie Murphy – were accurate all through the morning but for more than an hour, the Indian batters held the fort before Ashwin was finally dismissed by Murphy.

Both the off-spinners preferred to bowl around the wicket to the Indians for most of the day's play. Murphy was rewarded when a top-edged sweep by Cheteshwar Pujara went straight to Boland at short fine-leg.

Rohit, though, was playing an excellent knock at the other end, playing the patient game and making the most of every scoring opportunity. The pitch appeared to hardly have any demons in it for him.

When Pat Cummins enticed him into a short-ball ploy with two fielders on the boundary, Rohit took up the challenge and just cleared deep square-leg for his second six. A mix-up with Kohli, to be saved by a wayward throw by Marnus Labuschagne, was the closest he came to being dismissed in the morning.

Kohli departs

At 151 for three, with Rohit closing in on his maiden ton as captain and Kohli for company, India would have hoped to shut the door on the Aussies in the afternoon session.

However, the first ball after resumption saw Kohli chasing one by Murphy that spun away from him down the leg, nicking it and finding 'keeper Alex Carey pouching the ball on second attempt.

Spot of bother

When Lyon found one holding its line and breaching through debutant Suryakumar Yadav's gate, at 168 for five, India was in a spot of bother. Minutes later, Rohit cleared mid-off with a lofted drive off Murphy to celebrate the landmark.

With Jadeja looking solid at the other end, the duo had stretched India's lead to 49 at tea. Cummins didn't waste any time in opting for the new ball and bowled the spell of the match so far.

The third ball of the session saw Steve Smith's buttery fingers unable to hold on to an edge. But the next ball beat Rohit all ends up as the off-stump went cartwheeling.

Murphy then picked up his five-for with K.S. Bharat's dismissal and India was again far from safety, with a lead of 63 when Axar joined Jadeja in the middle.

Seizing the initiative

For the rest of the session, the duo pulverised a hapless Australian attack to help India seize the initiative.

Their unbroken 81-run association was seamless, with cuts by both the left-handers and Jadeja's drives being the feature.

Had Smith not dropped Jadeja off the penultimate ball of the day, Australia could have hoped to claw back into the game.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS: 177.

INDIA —1ST INNINGS
Rohit Sharma b Cummins 120 *(212b, 15x4, 2x6)*, K.L. Rahul c&b Murphy 20 *(71b, 1x4)*, R. Ashwin lbw b Murphy 23 *(62b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Cheteshwar Pujara c Boland b Murphy 7 *(14b, 1x4)*, Virat Kohli c Carey b Murphy 12 *(26b, 2x4)*, Suryakumar Yadav b Lyon 8 *(20b, 1x4)*, Ravindra Jadeja (batting) 66 *(170b, 9x4)*, K.S. Bharat lbw b Murphy 8 *(10b, 1x4)*, Axar Patel (batting) 52 *(102b, 8x4)*; Extras (b-1, lb-1, nb-3): 5; Total (for seven wkts. in 114 overs): 321.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-76 (Rahul, 22.5 overs), 2-118 (Ashwin, 40.1), 3-135 (Pujara, 44.1), 4-151 (Kohli, 52.1), 5-168 (Suryakumar, 59.1), 6-229 (Rohit, 80.4), 7-240 (Bharat, 83.1).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Cummins 18-2-74-1, Boland 17-4-34-0, Lyon 37-10-98-1, Murphy 36-9-82-5, Labuschagne 5-0-24-0, Renshaw 1-0-7-0.

India skipper absolutely at home in Nagpur

Amol Karhadkar
NAGPUR

He was born in Nagpur in 1987. He missed out on a Test debut there due to a freak injury minutes before the toss in 2010. He ended his four-year Test hundred drought in 2017 after successive tons in his debut series in 2013 in Nagpur.

Cut to Friday and Rohit Sharma added another chapter to his never-ending association with the Orange City. His classy hundred was not only his first triple-figure score as captain but also his maiden century in whites against Australia, his bogey team so far.

More importantly, the patient knock set up the foundation for India potentially starting the Border-Gavaskar Trophy with a win.

Rohit Sharma. K.R. DEEPAK

Ever since his unbeaten hundred against Sri Lanka here in 2017, Rohit has displayed his ability to shape his game according to the situation and the conditions. This has been vividly displayed ever since he was promoted as opener in Tests in 2019.

In fact, his knock of 120, which came to an end courtesy a peach of a delivery by his Australia counterpart Pat Cummins, can well be divided into two halves. After making the most of a wayward Cummins early on the first evening, Rohit showcased his defensive skills on Friday against a four-pronged attack that was disciplined for most of the day.

"That is the quality of his batting. He has got runs on seaming tracks in England," India batting coach Vikram Rathour said after the second day's play.

"But if we talk about this particular innings, he was made to work hard for his runs," Rathour said.

'Todd is happy to bowl the hardest over to the best batters'

Amol Karhadkar
NAGPUR

Having had a certain Shane Warne as his teammate a little over three decades ago for St. Kilda, the famous Melbourne club, Jamie Murphy knows more than a thing or two about spin bowling.

So when Craig Howard, a bowling coach, saw Jamie's teenaged son Todd rolling his arm over as an off-spinner in 2016 and insisted he should stick to it, Jamie went by his word. Until then, his father-cum-coach and and his bespectacled ward considered Todd as a batter who also bowled medium-pace.

Cut to Friday at the Vidarbha Cricket Association stadium, the 'convert' off-spinner with just seven First Class caps to his name before being selected for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, became Australia's youngest debutant spinner to pick up a five-wicket haul. It came as icing on the cake for the Murphy household who relished the moment from the ground when Todd was presented with Baggy Green on Thursday.

Jamie Murphy. AMOL KARHADKAR

"He has got an attitude where he is never beaten. He is happy to bowl the hardest over to the best batters. That's why he wasn't too worried about bowling to (Virat) Kohli. He looked like he was enjoying it and he took the challenge," Jamie told *The Hindu*.

Hailing from countryside in Victoria, the Murphy household used to drive down to Melbourne – a three-hour drive one-way – regularly for Todd's training and games during his formative years.

Todd, who addressed his first media conference after stumps on Friday, underlined how important it was for him to have his family along with his partner Bec travel to India at a short notice.

"To have them here is special. It was a pretty hectic couple of days to try and get them across. They have been a part of this journey the whole way for me," he said.

Smriti doubtful for India's opener against Pakistan

WOMEN'S T20 WC

Press Trust of India
CAPE TOWN

India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana is likely to miss the Women's T20 World Cup opener against Pakistan on Sunday as she is yet to recover from a finger injury she suffered during a warm-up game.

The 26-year-old opener injured her left middle finger while fielding during the warm-up match against Australia on Monday. "She suffered an injury in the practice game. She isn't out of the World Cup, but could miss the Pakistan game," an ICC source said.

Smriti Mandhana. GETTY IMAGES

The southpaw had batted at number three against Australia instead of her usual opening position.

Her innings lasted only three balls. Smriti had subsequently missed India's second warm-up game against Bangladesh on Wednesday.

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's fitness is also a concern. She had injured her shoulder during the final of the Tri-Series against South Africa last week.

On recovery path

Making progress: Rishabh Pant tweeted "One step forward One step stronger One step better". TWITTER/RISHABHPANT17

Tajinderpal strikes shot put gold

Tajinderpal Singh.
FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau

Asian Games champion Tajinderpal Singh Toor won the men's shot put gold in the 10th Asian indoor athletics championships which began in Astana, Kazakhstan, on Friday with Karanveer taking silver.

Also winning silver medals were triple jumper Praveen Chithravel and Swapna Barman in the women's pentathlon, both with indoor national records.

Long jumper Jeswin Aldrin also bettered the men's national indoor record while topping the qualification round with 7.93m.

The results (gold medallists and Indian performances):
Men: Triple jump: 1. Fang Yaoqing (Chn) 17.20m, 2. Praveen Chithravel (Ind) 16,98m, NR OR 16.26, Amanjeet Singh, 2008, 12. A.B. Arun (Ind) 14.12.
Shot put: 1. Tajinderpal Singh Toor (Ind) 19.49m, 2. Karanveer Singh (Ind) 19.37.
Women: 60m: 1. Farzaneh Fasihi (IRI) 7.28s, 4. Archana Suseentran (Ind) 7.39.
3000m: 1. Caroline Chepkoech Kipkiru (Kaz) 9:01.98s.
Pentathlon: 1. Ekaterina Voronina (Uzb) 4386 pts, 2. Swapna Barman (Ind) 4119 pts, NR, OR Purnima Hembram, 4062, 2017; 8. Sowmiya Murugan (Ind) 3654.

INBRIEF

Sable, Parul in World Cross Country entry list

Birmingham Commonwealth Games 3000m steeplechase silver medallist Avinash Sable is among five Indians in the entry list for the World Cross Country Championships to be held in Bathurst, Australia, on February 18. Also Anand Singh, Parul Chaudhary, Sanjivani Jadhav and Chhavi Yadav figure in the list of 102 athletes from 31 countries.

PBI inaugurates training centre in Pune

One of the leading tennis coaching programme, Peter Burwash International (PBI) has tied up with Ileseum Club in Bavdhan, Pune, to have its second training centre in India. The first in Bengaluru has been successfully guiding some of the prominent players.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1, MTV (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 a.m.
India vs Australia: 1st Test, day 3, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Ranji Trophy (semifinals): Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
KIYG: Star Sports 3, DD Sports, FanCode & Hotstar, 11 a.m.
Formula E: Hyderabad GP (Qualifying), SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 11 a.m.; Main Race, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6, 8.30 & 11 p.m.
Women's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 & 10 p.m.
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)
Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 8 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11 p.m.
LaLiga: Jio Cinema App, 8.45 & 11 p.m. & Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Jackson, Vasavada's tons help Saurashtra call the shots

The two batters combine to send the Karnataka bowlers on a leather hunt as they run up a 232-run partnership for the fourth wicket

RANJI SEMIFINALS

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Sheldon Jackson and Arpit Vasavada smashed sublime centuries to leave Karnataka out of kilter and bring Saurashtra right back into the Ranji Trophy semifinal at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Friday.

From an overnight 76 for two, Saurashtra reached 364 for four at stumps on day three, just 43 runs shy of Karnataka's first-innings total.

It was 36-year-old Jackson's 20th First Class ton (160, 245b, 23x4, 2x6) and his fourth against Karnataka, the most he has scored against any opponent. For Vasavada, it was his 11th century (112 batting, 219b, 15x4) and the third of the current campaign.

When Harvik Desai fell early in the morning (92/3), leg-before to V. Koushik, the Karnataka players had their tails up. The chirping was incessant as their bowlers charged in and words of encouragement filled the air.

But the optimism waned, steadily over the next five hours and five minutes, as Jackson and his skipper combined for a tremendous 232-run partnership for the fourth wicket.

Terrific duo: Jackson and Vasavada made merry to put Saurashtra in a position of strength. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Desperate

By the end of it, Karnataka was left waving the white flag, with part-timer R. Samarth trying Kedhar Jadhav-style sling bowling. So desperate had the hosts become that Manish Pandey even claimed a catch off Jackson at second slip when the ball had clearly bounced in front.

"Until now I hadn't got big runs this season," Jackson said later.

"Normally when someone tells me something, I go back at them. Here I had to cut out everything. When I came in, 400 was very far. If I had gotten out, it would have been a loss to my team. I focussed on the bowler and the ball rather than what was going on [around]."

The Jackson-Vasavada association could have very well ended the moment it started if Manish, at leg-slip, had held on to an easy offering from Vasavada off K. Gowtham when the batter was still on three. The miss ensured Karnataka was left chasing leather for the rest of the day.

Jackson, with his upright stance and broad-chested presence, was at his languid best, driving and pulling with aplomb.

Pacer V. Vyshak and Shreyas Gopal bowled erratic lines and were duly picked for multiple boundaries. The massive pulled six in front of square off Vyshak was Jackson's standout shot. Vasavada, at the other end, played a compact and watchful knock.

Use of the feet

The eye-catching feature was the use of his feet, and the immaculate ability to hit along the ground. He drove sweetly and swept efficiently and even unleashed the odd pull, unmindful of the fact that he was hit on the grill early on.

Jackson eventually departed when he was trapped in front by a Gowtham delivery that turned sharply into him. But by then he had left Saurashtra in a position of strength.

The scores:
Karnataka — 1st innings: 407.
Saurashtra — 1st innings: Harvik Desai lbw b Koushik 33, Snell Patel b Kaverappa 0, Vishvarajsinh Jadeja b Kaverappa 22, Sheldon Jackson lbw b Gowtham 160, Arpit Vasavada (batting) 112, Chirag Jani (batting) 19; Extras (b-8, lb-8, w-2): 18; Total (for four wkts in 112 overs): 364.
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-40, 3-92, 4-324.
Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 28-5-64-2, Koushik 28-8-70-1, Vyshak 22-4-82-0, Gowtham 22-1-68-1, Shreyas 11-1-58-0, R. Samarth 1-0-6-0.

Akash helps Bengal take a massive lead

Dhruva Prasad
INDORE

Akash Deep (five for 42) dismantled Madhya Pradesh as Bengal took a 327-run lead with eight wickets remaining in the second innings on the third day of the Ranji Trophy semifinal at the Holkar Cricket Stadium here on Friday.

Sudip Gharami and Anustup Majumdar found themselves in familiar territory when openers Karan Lal and Abhimanyu Easwaran were dismissed in quick succession, beaten by the turn and bowled by Saransh Jain and Kumar Kartikeya, respectively.

Gharami and Majumdar stepped out to smother the spin as the chatter around the stumps petered out with Bengal ending the day at 59 for two.

The scores:
Bengal — 1st innings: 438.
Madhya Pradesh — 1st innings: Yash Dubey c Abishek b Akash 12, Himanshu Mantri c Anustup b Ishan 23, Saransh Jain b Akash Deep 65, Anubhav Agarwal c Abishek b Mukesh 5, Rajat Patidar b Akash Deep 0, Aditya Shrivastava lbw b Shahbaz 7, Venkatesh Iyer c Gharami b Shahbaz 7, Shubham Sharma (not out) 44, Kumar Kartikeya lbw b Akash Deep 0, Avesh Khan c Abishek b Akash Deep 0, Gaurav Yadav (run out) 1; Extras (lb-5, w-1): 6; Total (in 79 overs): 170.
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-43, 3-59, 4-60, 5-89, 6-101, 7-155, 8-155, 9-161.
Bengal bowling: Shahbaz 19-4-30-2, Mukesh 20-8-39-1, Pramanik 12-1-30-0, Akash Deep 18-3-42-5, Karan 1-0-2-0, Ishan 9-2-22-1.
Bengal — 2nd innings: Karan Lal b Saransh 19, Abhimanyu Easwaran b Kartikeya 17, Sudip Gharami (batting) 12, Anustup Majumdar (batting) 9; Extras (lb-2): 2; Total (for two wkts., in 29 overs) 59.
Fall of wickets: 1-37, 2-39.
Madhya Pradesh bowling: Kartikeya 9-2-16-1, Anubhav 5-1-15-0, Avesh 6-3-9-0, Gaurav 1-0-4-0, Saransh 8-1-13-1.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Syed Ahmed nets South United's winner

Syed Ahmed's goal helped South United defeat Parikrma FC 1-0 in the BDFA 'A' division football league held here on Friday.

The results: 'B' division: Postal 5 (Samuel Gogi 9, 64, Darshan 27, Dheeraj Srinivas 35, 64) bt Vehicles FC 3 (R. Satish 33, 66, Surya Prakash 55). **'A' division:** South United 1 (Syed Ahmed 64) bt Parikrma FC 0.

Aditya excels

Aditya Kamat (57 strokes in 9-11 age-group) from St. Joseph's Boys School was declared the overall champion in the Canadian International School 8th annual inter-school golf tournament at Prestige Augusta Golf Village here.

The results (winners): **Category A (15-18 years):** Anvitha Narender (St. Joseph's BS); **Category B (12-14):** Evan Tan (Stonehill IS); **Category C (9-11):** Aditya Kamat (St. Joseph's BS); **Category D (6-8):** Adit Verrmachaneni (Vidya Shilp Academy).